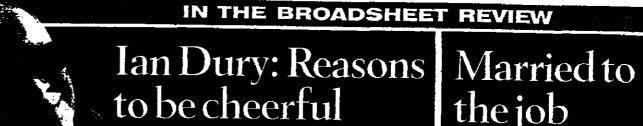
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'If this is peace, what is war?'

THE BOMB was so devastating By DAVID MCKITTRICK that most of the anger has not yet burst through. Omagh is still at the stage of shock, numbness and bewilderment about why such diabolical savagery should have been visited upon it on a sumy Saturday afternoon.

The grief is in its early phase, for few in the town can really comprehend the scale of its loss. The grief will build over the coming days, accompanied by anger against the bombers and what they did.

They killed nine children, 14 women and five men, snuffing out a total of 28 lives. Eleven people are still critically ill in hospital. Northern Ireland has had many bad day, but this was the worst of them, a new record death toll, a new low.

Yesterday came the VIP visitors, including the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and the Irish President, Mary McAleese, to signal their sympathy and support. Next came the lists of the dead, reminiscent of the casualty lists posted up during the First and Second World Wars.

Then will come the full details of how families have been affected, some losing more than one member, some suffering more than one injury.

generations: Avril Monaghan, 30, heavily pregnant with twins, her 18-month-old daughter, Maura, and mother Mary Grimes, 65, were on a shopping trip when the bomb exploded; three schoolboys, two aged 12 and one eight, from neighbouring Co Donegal, were killed alongside two Spanish friends on a shopping trip.

Next will come the funerals, too many for one small town, too many for one community to bear, a day or days filled with nothing but burials. The sense of loss will be communal as well as personal: that shared burden may make the funerals slightly easier to get through.

But after that will come everlasting loss for so many families: the chair where a mother used to sit, a father gone for ever, a child's empty room.

The recent emphasis on looking after victims of the Troubles has brought to light just how many people never really get over the effects of violence, even decades after the event. Many who think they have recovered find that years afterwards they go through flashbacks and nightmares.

The Omagh bomb has condemned hundreds more people to the status of victims. Two hundred were injured and hundreds have lost loved ones; some will now go through life as orphans, or amputees, or bearing terrible physical and mental scars.

Until the bomb went off, at 3.10pm on Saturday, Omagh might have been rated a reaIreland Correspondent

sonably lucky town by Northern Ireland standards. Like many towns it had its share of killings. and had residents killed elsewhere, but most of those deaths occurred back in 1973 and 1974, with another outbreak of killings around 1979.

While not trouble-free in the years that followed, it was only occasionally touched by violence. Most of the casualties have been members of the security forces killed by the IRA in or near the town. There are many republicans in the vicin-

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Protestant end of the town".

On Saturday, though, the cen-

areas elsewhere

some of the women killed were buying uniforms for their children, uniforms which some children will now never wear. The explosion left little of the car and little of many of the victims. The blast, the disintegrated car, the glass from the INSIDE shop windows, masonry from the buildings, scythed the people down, lacerating and dismembering. Those first on the

scene told, shocked, of the details we would rather not hear: of battered prams, of the blackened bodies of children, of detached legs, arm and hands. The rest of Northern Ireland looked on in steadily growing horror First, came television newsflashes asking off-duty doctors to report urgently to

busy, housing as it does a coffee

shop, a couple of clothes shops

and a pub. It became even

busier as police shepherded

people towards it, a telephone

caller having warned of a bomb

The fact that the street was

packed helps explain why the

bomb caused the highest-ever

death toll. The new school term

begins in two weeks time, and

at the courthouse some 250

Tyrone County Hospital in the town; then reports that several mours that 12 could have died. People could hardly believe it when the official death toll reached a dozen: why on earth

should Omagh be attacked? Who would want to cause casualties on such a scale? Aren't the Troubles supposed to be on the wane? The focal point of horror

had, meanwhile, shifted to the Omagh hospital, where wards and corridors were running red with blood. A surgeon described it as "a battlefield". A nurse said people were "runity, but somehow they were ning, screaming, crying". The never quite as active, or as milhospital took in 96 women, 22 itant, as those in comparable children and 30 men, some of

It has its social problems. with a developing drug culture, and its share of deprivation. As is the case almost everywhere in Northern Ireland there is a degree of religious segregation: its residents talk, for example, about "the

The worth of the whole It is about 60 per cent Catholic and 40 per cent Protestant, a balance reflected in the fact that the council has a Sinn Fein chairman with a this is peace, what's war?"

Unionist deputy. Relations between the two communities are not totally harmonious, but nor are they poisonous. One Omagh man said: "Okay, it's not a shining example, but it's not the worst place either."

With the exception of the tre of Omagh became the worst Real IRA and the Rev Ian Paisplace imaginable for its people. ley, few major figures in Ireland want to see the abandonment The narrow street where the car bomb had been parked was of the peace process and a re-

hem arriving in busloads

By yesterday patients had been dispatched to five other hospitals. Distraught people spent many hours awaiting word of their relatives and friends: some had to wait all night, hoping against hope, only to be told yesterday the news they had dreaded hearing

peace process will now be reexamined by the public. One tearful and upset woman in Omagh asked yesterday: "If

London, Dublin and nearly all the major parties, north and south, were already doing their best yesterday to shelter and protect the political progress which has been made.



A grief-stricken man outside the Omagh leisure centre, where police and social services have set up an information office Peter Macrison/PA

turn to the drawing-board. The process is a long and difficult road but, the body politic reckons, it is the only road ahead.

The Real IRA is held responsible for the bombing, though nobody can fathom what it hoped to achieve. Attacks which cause major civilian casualties are regarded by republican groups as counter-productive setbacks. The Real IRA has tried to kill soldiers and police before now with mortar attacks on security bases, but until Saturday it had never taken life.

Its speciality has been attacks on town centres with large bombs, though to first give. warnings and depend on the efficiency of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to clear the area. The police view is that Omagh was a deliberate effort to take life, but this leaves questions unanswered.

If inflicting large-scale casu-

tant town rather than a mixed one such as Omagh, where the dead were bound to include nationalists. Dead nationalists are

bad for republican business. The organisation has also left itself open to the most stringent police and Army response, for the near-universal sentiment is that the security forces should go in after them, and go in hard. This sentiment is visible among nationalists as well as Unionists, and in the south as well as the north.

The Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, has already spoken of "crushing" the group and of "ruthlessly" suppressing it. British ministers are talking in similar terms. Mr Blair said there should be "no hiding place" for the bombers. "We must make sure not merely

for this atrocity. We have got to create a climate in which there is no hiding place for them." But it really hardly matters

to the citizens of Omagh whether the Real IRA meant to kill all those people, or whether the deaths flowed from some sort of foul-up. Everyone knows who is to blame for the carnage: the Real IRA is the cause of all this present misery and all the future suffering.

The buildings of Omagh can be replaced and repaired, but murdered people cannot be, and the injuries of many will never fully heal. The families of the dead have been left to salvage what they can from the ruins, to try to divine some meaning or purpose in it all, and [that] we are taking all the se-somehow to try to make sense curity measures we can, but of so much senseless murder

SPECIAL PREVIEWS driven out. There will be people that know who are responsible of the President almost begging him to tell the truth, arguing that the personal and political cost of not doing so would be greater. The chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, Orrin Hatch, coupled a renewed plea www.fox.co.uk

Clinton lawyer pledges 'whole truth'

AS PRESIDENT Bill Clinton BY MARY DEJEVSKY prepared for the most perilous day of his five-and-a-half-yearold presidency, his lawyer made a dramatic intervention to try to quieten speculation about his testimony to the grand jury.

In a statement issued at noon yesterday, David Kendall dismissed media reports about his client's strategy and insisted that Mr Clinton would tell the truth and only the truth.

"There is apparently an

in Washington

enormous amount of rabid speculation about the President's testimony tomorrow," the statement read. "The truth is the truth. Period. And that's

how the President will testify." Mr Clinton is scheduled to give evidence to the grand jury this afternoon about his relationship with the former White House trainee, Monica Lewin-

he answered questions under he told Ms Lewinsky also to lie under oath. Mr Kendall's statement

that Mr Clinton had settled on an admission of an "inappropriate relationship" with Ms Lewinsky that would not entail any admission of perjury. Bob Woodward, the Wash-

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sky. At issue is whether he lied ington Post reporter who made a sexual relationship with Ms with the voices of lawyers, forabout the relationship when his name with the Watergate in- Lewinsky. "He may not have mer colleagues and supporters vestigation, quoted an unoath last January, and whether named source "who has spoken with the President and his legal team" as saying Mr Clinton would change his account to came amid a flurry of reports admit a sexual relationship, but had to prepare his family.

The Associated Press cited two unnamed presidential advisers as saying the breakthrough came on Saturday when he admitted he had had

used the word 'sex'," said one, "but he has finally broken through that barrier." Ms Lewinsky, who gave her

testimony 10 days ago after bargaining for total immunity from prosecution, reportedly told the grand jury she had had a sexual relationship with Mr Clinton over an 18-month period to December 1996. The airwaves yesterday rang

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for the truth with a warning that if he perjured himself before a grand jury, Congress would have no choice but to impeach. Moment of truth, page 10

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1,000 mink were released from a farm where 6,000 were set free two weeks ago

A baby missing for

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three days was found on a mountain beside his dead grandfather

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have an independent watchdog to regulate the industry PAGE 11

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Cheaper alcohol for students

Students' cost of living is rocketing except in one respect - booze. A new guide shows that alcohol prices for students have actually fallen slightly.

Threat to the red fire engine

Like the telephone box, the red fire engine is a national icon. But just as BT switched to new clear booths, fire services are painting their engines white.

US asylum seekers cost £10m

Britain is spending up to £10m a year jailing refugees who are being arrested as they pass through British airports on their way to seek asylum in America. Page 8

Government lied about deterrent The Government has been accused of misleading the public over the cost of Britain's nuclear deterrent to the

FOREIGN NEWS

Congo mobs turn on Westerners Foreigners working in the Congo capital of Kinshasa were fleeing the city as a rebel army advanced from the

Hunt starts for Swedish monster Hunters began a search of Sweden's Great Lake for a monster - a horse-like or snake-like creature - said to have inhabited it for at least 360 years.

Failure for Fossett's balloon bid

Steve Fossett's attempt to be the first person to circle the world non-stop in a balloon appeared to have failed after his emergency locater beacon activated. Page 12

BUSINESS NEWS

Flextech's Roger Luard, 49, dies Roger Luard, chief executive of Flextech, the television group, died last weekend, it was announced yesterday. Mr Luard, 49, had been on sick leave.

DIY market set for merger mania The DIY retail market is set to consolidate, with smaller players joining forces to survive the economic slow-

down, according to an influential new report. Page 13

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Owen helps Liverpool to a win

Michael Owen scored the winning goal as Liverpool kicked off their Premiership season with a 2-1 win at Page 26

England beat Sri Lanka

England beat Sri Lanka by 36 runs in the triangular one-

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Fergal Keane

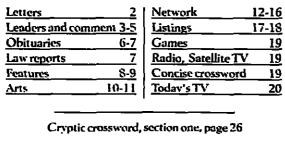
'The time of the butchers is passing. You may find that hard to believe on this sad Monday, but I ask you to make an act of faith.

Steve Richards

Belatedly, the Blairites have started to worry that the likes of Liz Davies could be elected, while loyal modernisers could face defeat.'

Helen Womack

'Russia's problems are usually presented as highly dramatic. In reality, things just get bleaker.'





New security crackdown

BY COLIN BROWN, ANDREW BUNCOMBE AND ALAN MURDOCH

A SECURITY crackdown on the "Real IRA" renegades operating south of the border was being planned last night by the British and Irish governments as Tony Blair promised to hunt down the terrorists who exploded the 500lb bomb in Omagh.

The reintroduction of internment was not being ruled out following calls by the Ulster Unionists for members of the breakaway group to be arrested without charge. But Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, gave a clear signal that the two governments believe "other measures" could prove more effective.

The chief constables of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Garda are to report to the two governments on what security action is needed across the border, and new measures were promised within the next few days, if they are felt nec-

Tony Blair last night sought to prevent Unionists and loyalists from hitting back and destroying the peace - attempting to unite all shades of political opinion against the renegade group in a round of meetings at Stormont with political leaders after cutting short his holiday in France.

His official spokesman said the terrorists would be given no hiding place amid rising hopes that they will be "shopped" to the police or the official IRA by their own community.

Unprecedented condemnation of the bombing by the Sinn Fein leaders, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, was seen by Downing Street as a significant break with the past.

"The change in the political situation should not be overlooked," said the Prime Minister's official spokesman. "Overseas or at home, these people have got no friends in



newly appointed Northern Ireland minister, surveying the devastation in Omagh yesterday

no votes, no political support, no great numerical support. They stand for absolutely nothing but terror. They are basically criminals and in some cases

psychopaths." Mr McGuinness hinted the nationalist community will come out against the renegade group, raising hopes that they will be identified. He said: "I striker who has founded a disthink people will make it crystal clear that these people should not be allowed to wreck the neace process."

A special Irish cabinet meeting on Wednesday will decide on measures to strengthen security and surveillance op-

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high places in any civilised inet security committee, at country on earth. They have got which the latest intelligence reports were studied, Mr Ahern pledged "whatever resources are necessary" to deal with the new threat.

> He said he believed the republican hero Bobby Sands "wouldn't have stood over the horrific events of yesterday" seen as a pointed reference to the sister of the dead hunger sident republican pressure group. The bombing increased speculation that the split in the IRA could lead to a new and bloody feud.

Andrew Mackay, the Tory spokesman on Northern Ireland, said he believed the lives of Sinn Fein leaders could be at risk. Calling for the IRA to ingency meeting of the Irish cab- form on the breakaway group rest."

which carried out the bombing, Mr Mackay said: "Adams and McGuinness could be quite worried for their own safety.

"If you look at Irish history, when there are splits in the republican movement, they 'do in' the leaders of the mainstream group. I would make sure the security forces get these people first.

"I believe there is an opportunity here for the mainstream republican Sinn Fein-IRA to end the cancer of terrorism in Northern Ireland by cooperating because they know who these people are. "They know the terrorist underworld. If their words mean anything, they must be matched by actions. They should help to arrest these people and wipe out the

WORDS OF CONDEMNATION

'It is impossible to contemplate, to get in the mind of anyone who could do this ... We will not let these people wreck the future.

No stone will be left unturned until we bring these people to justice." Ronnie Flanagan, Chief

Constable of the RUC

"This appalling act ... is designed to wreck the process and everyone should work to ensure the peace process

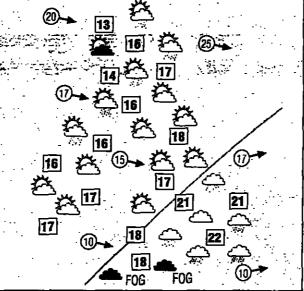
Martin McGuinness. Sinn Fein chief negotiator

"I have as much respect for the British Government as I have for the IRA. They both of them have played this game of telling people we can win this by concession after concession after con-

> Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist Party leader

"Once again, blind violence is attempting to impede the difficult path of peace and productive harmony ... my earnest hope ... is that the Irish people of goodwill will not succumb to violence and that they will persevere." Pope John Paul II

BRITAIN TODAY YESTERDAY EXTREMES



FORECAST

General situation Dull and humid across England and Wales with coastal and hill fog and druzzly rain in places, but later becoming fresher and brighter in the north and west. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells and well

Cest S, SW, E & SE England, London, E Anglia, E Midlands: Duli and hi with drizzly rain in places. Fog over the hills and at times towards the coasts light south-west wind. Max temp 21-24C (70-75F). W Midlands, S Wales: Rather misty this morning with drizzly rain. Fresher later with sunny breaks developing. A light south-west wind, later westerly May temp 19-22C (66-72F).

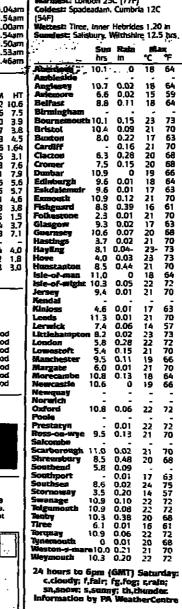
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N Ireland: Sunny spells and the odd light shower. A light to moderate westerly wind. Max temp 17-18C (63-64F).

Only the odd shower in western and northern Scotland on Tuesday with plenty of sunshine for all parts. Rain in western Scotland and Northern Ireland on Wednesday but elsewhere it will be dry with plenty of sunshine.

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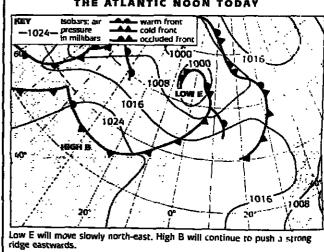
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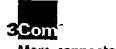
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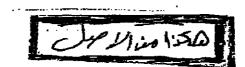




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A passer-by with a video camera captured the moment of the explosion in Omagh town centre on Saturday, and the shock, the death, injury and destruction and the attempts to help the victims

Children laughed as they prepared for a carnival. Then they were blown apart

BY STEVE BOGGAN, ANDREW BUNCOMBE AND KIM SENGUPTA

IT WAS carnival day in Omagh and the air was filled with the aughter of children. Bunting festooned the bustling streets on a warm and happy market day in a town that was enjoying the new peace.

Mothers were there with their sons and daughters to buy school uniforms for the new term while, a short distance away, excited youngsters on 14 floats put the finishing touches to fancy dress costumes and face paintings

Shoppers had been evacuated from one end of the high treet because of a bomb scare, but no one took it too seriously. It happened all the time.

And then the bomb went off. In a split second, the force of the blast along with shrapnel and shards of glass had taken their toli on flesh and bone. Dozens lay dead or dying and, as masonry dust and smoke cleared, scenes of unimaginable horror greeted the survivors.

It was 3,10pm. The earlier bomb warning had been made in a telephone call to the BBC. The caller said the device was at the courthouse in Main Street. Police reacted quickly, clearing the area and shepherding people to the other end of the street, inadvertently leading them, like lambs to he slaughter, towards the real tite of the 500lb car bomb near the junction of Market Street and Dublin Road.

When it went off, hundreds of shoppers, predominantly women and children, were near by. Ten minutes later, the carnival procession would have been in full flow.

walls and roots on top of people and sent bricks and glass hurtling into them. When the noise subsided, witnesses spoke of seeing people with horrific injuries lying motionless while others screamed hysterically or walked aimlessly in deep shock.

"The first thing I saw was a wee boy lying with his mouth open and his eyes open and blood all over him. He was dead," said Louis Godfrey, 18. "He was about six years old.

There was one girl about 21 who just sat there hugging this wee fella who was dead. He was about eight years old. She didn't want to let him go. She said she wanted to stay with him until his parents came. She kept saying over and over, What has he ever done on anybody? He's so young. He doesn't even know the meaning of life'. Eventually a policeman persuaded her

to let go." While bloodsoaked survivors and policemen began tearing at the rubble to pull out the injured, panic began to spread as people from other parts of the town rushed to the scene to search for relatives.

Dorothy Boyle, 59, wept openly as she described the scene. "I saw bodies lying werywhere " she said. "I saw Hem being put in bags and being zipped up."

She said she saw a young pregnant woman whose legs had been blown off, while another woman in a wheelchair had been screaming for help. "There was one boy had half his leg blown off and it was lying there with the wee shoe still on it. He didn't cry or anything. He

was just in shock." lan Frew was working in the Salad Bowl shop close to the bomb when it went off. Standing in a bloodstained T-shirt, he said: "Everybody just dropped. People lay dead all around. here was a baby lying in the window of Kells shop. It was just lying there dead, its pushchair

standing beside it." John Atkins, who had been shopping with his wife Ellen said. "For the first time I realised there was a smell to



The blast brought down blood. I thought this was what an abattoir must smell like. Then I was disgusted with myself for even thinking that. These were people, men,

take the injured for treatment. dead for a time, and traffic jams built up as anxious people made search of relatives. Paddy Mc-Gowan, a local councillor, the innered to hospital. "It was like a battlefield," he said. running looking for their children. I've never seen devastaday. I can't understand the men-

At 3.11pm, staff at the Tyrone County Hospital were put on an emergency footing and an appeal went out for off-duty doctors and nurses to report for

Taxi drivers and motorists

helped a stream of ambulances

tality of whoever did this."

would move it. Thank God."

The town's phone lines went their way to the hospital in flagged down two buses to ferry "There were scores of injured. seriously injured. People were tion like it. It was a busy market

women and children ...'

It was only by good fortune that there were not many more children at the scene of the explosion, said community worker Gerry McCusker. "The original plan was for 14 floats of children to set off from where the bomb had been planted but we decided earlier on we

The steps of Tyrone County

THE AFTERNOON OF TERROR 2.30pm Phone call to media. congregating in busy warning of bomb at shopping area around Junction of Market Street', Omagh

Street and Dublin Road Security forces went 6 Bomb exploded to Courthouse area close to junction Police began Staff at Tyrone County Hospital put on moving people to other REP. OF IRELAND

Inside, doctors and nurses worked desperately to save the victims amid chaotic scenes.

One woman was rushing around touching at the sleeves of officials and pleading: "Have you seen my boy? He's just a wee boy. He went out to the shops he hasn't been back." A nurse asked for the child's name and the woman replied: "He's my boy, he's my only son."

Father John Gilmore did what he could to comfort the in-

"There were people on the floors, mattresses and chairs. Some of the early ones were very badly injured. Some I anointed on mattresses on the floor. It is something I have

never experienced before. "Every one of those people was a tragedy in their own right. When you think of how many, you have to think of the scale of the tragedy."

Dr Clive Russell and his team worked to the point of ex-Hospital were covered in blood. jured and their relatives... haustion as a steady stream of caused by shrapnel and flying Belfast. They included three his mum buying some trousers

victims arrived needing emergency treatment. The 148 people they treated ranged from babies and young children to pensioners. Two young children had leg amputations. One

10-year-old victim lost a foot. When asked whether that victim was a boy or a girl, Dr Russell's fatigue became apparent. He paused for a while before replying: "I can't remember'

ULSTER'S WORST ATROCITIES

July 21 1972 Bloody Friday: 11 killed when IRA sets off 26 Belfast bombs. October-November 1974 Mainland pub bombings kill February 17 1978

Twelve Protestants die in IRA fireball bomb at Ulster hotel. August 27 1979 Warrenpoint: IRA bomb kills 18 soldiers.

October 1984 Brighton: Five die when IRA bombs Tory conference hotel. November 1987 Enniskillen: 11 die in IRA Remembrance Day bombing. February 1996 Docklands: IRA blows up South Quay station. Two die.

July 1998 Three children burn to death during Drumcree stand-off.

glass. Some needing specialist treatment were driven or airlifted to other hospitals. Dominic Pinto, senior consultant surgeon at Tyrone County Hospital, said that, in "one or two" cases, staff had seen their own relatives being brought in among the injured. "Unfortunately," he said, "one case was quite severe."

Twenty-two of the most serious cases were treated at the rugby but he will never be able Most of the injuries were Royal Victoria Hospital in to again now. He was out with

I'm 57, why couldn't it have hap pened to me?" For others, moments of panic turned into relief as relatives were found safe and well Darryl Simpson was separated from members of his family while panic mounted

the warning came. They came out of the shop and tried to get back to the car. If they'd stayed

in the shop they would both have been killed. He's only 12.

checking bodies trying to see if they were my ones," he said. "It seems selfish talking about it now but it was all I could think about at the time. It was an anxious two-hour wait before we could establish where they were. All of our family, all nine of us, stayed together

over their fate. "I ended up

in the one bedroom last night." The town woke up yesterday to grey skies and drizzle and a sense of disbelief. People gathered at the scene and shook their heads, appalled at the devastation, morbidly fascinated by the crater in the road and the barely recognisable remains of the maroon Vauxhall Astra that bore the bomb.

The pavement was covered in dried blood. Among the wreckage were nappies, a mangled pram and a pair of children's shoes.

Congregations for morning services were swelled by a need to share grief. More than 800 people squeezed into St Joseph's Hall next to the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart to be told that one of the victims was from their ranks. Geraldine Breslin, a young married woman, died from her

wounds early yesterday. Some sat weeping, others stared vacantly as Father Michael Keaveny said the atrocity had nothing to do with religion. "From the point of view of the people who suffered there was no distinction, Catholic and Protestant, young and old. there was no question of wanting to get one side rather than another," he said.

"The whole thing sounds so terrible, so stupid, so foolish, so senseless."

ack in Omagh, the local One parishioner, Patrick sualty field hospital. Dozens of Darcy, said: "I feel diminished as an Irishman that other Irishrelatives waited outside as lists men could come to this town of those being treated inside were pinned to a noticeboard. and scatter the blood of Irish men, women and children over these streets."

All day, politicians came and went, genuinely distressed by what they saw. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, John Prescott, his deputy, Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, and the Irish President, Mary McAleese, offered words of comfort, but there was nothing they could say to ease the pain.

Father Kevin Mullan, of the Church of Christ the King in Omagh, said he had worked through the night to counsel families and friends of the dead and injured. He gave the last rites to two people before they died. "I couldn't get over the number of dead. It was just awful," he said.

One man he comforted had lost three members of his family - his mother, sister and niece. "You just offer a shoulder to cry on and give them space to talk," he said. "You let them know they are not alone. You

just cry with them." He said families were being counselled when they came in to the Omagh Leisure Centre to try and establish details of missing friends and relatives. Those who it seemed had lost relatives were taken to a nearby army base where a makeshift morgue had been

established. One man whose brother had been blown apart told him: "Whatever is left I need to see it before he is buried. I need to see whatever is left, even just the bones. I need to say good-

bye to whatever is there.

The missing young mother was my cousin

deputy Prime Minister John Prescott's words of comfort. or condemnation, when I tre: heard my name called.

It was Terry, a man I played with as a child. Terry didn't realise I was in Omagh in a working capacity. I felt ing. It was almost as though was a voyeur in my home

journalists, waiting to bear bereaved relatives and anxious neighbours in the makeshift information cen-

A man was speaking of his friend and neighbour, Libby Rush, who was on the missing list – people didn't know if she was alive or dead. My strangely embarrassed as I pen halted in its headlong explained that I was reportin the town called Libby's? I asked. He nodded. I went to learned to my relief that she school with her daughter. As was in hospital in Derry with a teenager I used to admire an arm injury. This feeling of occupying a parallel universe emerged her impeccable dress sense.

I was standing in the knot of again later, as I interviewed Martina Devlin, born and brought up in Omagh, returned there as a reporter

> It got worse. Someone else carnage, here in Omagh mentioned the name of a young mother who had gone missing and I asked for her name to be repeated. It was my cousin. I rang home during a brief respite and

That's the scale of the

you hear of people with serious injuries and you thank God for their lucky escape. Distressing information kept interrupting me as I did my job, reporting on the explosion for the Dublin-based Irish Independent. It was difficult to ignore: schoolfriends, neighbours and rel-

25,000 people. One of the women killed is the sister-in-law of my first boyfriend and a picture of her flashes into my mind. She's a

mother, with a smile that lit up her face. I think of her family and I grieve for them, even as I scribble her name in my notebook.

My brother's sister-in-law had 12 stitches to her head. another sister-in-law had a dead 17-year-old cousin, even

atives are all affected by my 10-year-old nieces saw death and destruction on dismembered bodies and bathis scale in a town of just bies with their hair scorched off. These scenes are nightmare material for adults, never mind little girls. I stood in the leisure cen-

Spaniards who had been visit-

ing Omagh on a student ex-

change programme. Two

Spaniards were among the

Gerry Carson, hospital

spokesman, said: "We put our

emergency plan into operation.

There were helicopters landing

in the car park until late into the

leisure centre was used as a ca-

When names were recognised.

there was relief mixed with ap-

prehension over how serious

the injuries would turn out to be.

lice, medical staff and local

politicians offered assistance to

those whose loved ones had

died. Families who had been

given bad news were often dri-

ven off by taxis whose drivers

made their vehicles available to

anyone needing transport to

his wife, Gwen, and son Alastair,

12, had been caught in the

blast. They were alive, but Alas-

tair had lost one of his legs. Be-

wildered, he asked: "How could

they do this to innocent, ordi-

nary people on a Saturday af-

termoon? Alastair loved playing

Lindsay Hall found out that

homes or hospitals.

Priests, social workers, no-

Ireland's President, Mary McAleese, surrounded by the familiar faces of childhoodbut they were faces whacked with grief and misery. Omagh has become the

tre waiting for the arrival of

town with the single highest death toll in the history of the

Blast killed 14 women and nine children

By Kim Sengupta in Oniagh

OMAGH WILL be remembered as the bomb that massacred women and children, it became clear yesterday as the identities of the casualties emerged.

Fourteen women, five men and nine children met their deaths. They included three generations of one family: a woman heavily pregnant with twins, her mother and her 18month-old baby.

The dead boys included three from the seaside town of Buncrana, over the border in Co Donegal in the Irish Republic, whose families had been playing host to a group of Spanish exchange schoolchildren; hosts and guests were on a visit to the Omagh carnival.

Two of the Buncrana boys were neighbours: Sean McLaughlin, 12, and Oran Doherty, eight. The third was boy was James Barker, 12, son of a solicitor whose family moved to Buncrana from England about a year ago. A 12-year-old Spanish boy, Fernando Blasco, and one of his teachers. Rosia Abad, aged 24. both from Madrid, also met their deaths.

Four dead boys and three dead girls had been formally identified by yesterday evening; two other children were awaiting identification.

In all the carnage, the Grimes family bore the heaviest single toll. Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura, and her mother, Mary Grimes, 65. were on a shopping trip to Omagh when the bomb exploded and killed them all.

Mrs Monaghan, from the small village of Aughadarna, a few miles outside the town, was survived by her husband, Michael, and two daughters and a son, the oldest of whom is six. Mrs Grimes, a mother of 12, was from Beragh where her busband. Mick, is a farmer.

The Catholic Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Sean Brady, who visited the families yesterday, said they were too tion and counselling for the be-



Injured casualties (above and below) are airlifted from Tyrone County Hospital to the Belfast Royal Hospital on Saturday after the car bomb exploded in the centre of Omagh, Co Tyrone



er James is a priest in Whitearchbishop said, adding: "The family are just totally devastat-

ed. They are just so shocked." Behind every death lies a devastated family. The Logue family's walk home in the rain, with a quiet dignity in their sorrow, was repeated many many times in Omagh yesterday. From the turned into a place of informadistressed to speak publicly of reaved, to Tyrone County

walked, sometimes weeping, cross, his archdiocese, the sometimes in silence holding each other's hands.

Brenda, 17, was a promising athlete and Gaelic football goalkeeper. On Saturday she was out shopping with her mother, Mary, and grandmother, Philomena. She went into Kells, leisure centre, which has been a clothing store, when the bomb went off. Her mother and grandmother survived, but Brenda was killed.

the leisure centre yesterday he is coming to terms with the morning, said: "I knew all loss of a leg. At the family home been blown out, no one could duced a 1991 World Cup rugby brother Sean, 20, cried as he

said: "I loved her to bits. Now

she is with God." It was no less terrible for families of those who had been maimed. Twelve-year-old Alastair Hall was out shopping with his mother Gwen for a pair of school trousers when the blast took place. He was taken to a

Her father Tommy, waiting at hospital in Londonderry, where along. The front of the shop had his father, Lindsay Hall, projersey, "Look at this. Alastair loved to play, now he won't be able to do that again. For God's sake, he was only 12, I am 57,

why couldn't it have been me?" He has two other sons, both of whom were yesterday flying home. Michael, 21, is returning from Edinburgh; Gareth,19, from the US.

Kevin Skelton is a widower at

the age of 43, having lost his wife Philomena, 39. She was out dry-cleaning shop when the shopping with three daughters. trying to get one a school uniform from the Kells shop at the time of the explosion

He said yesterday: "I saw my rubble, she was face down and some of the clothing had blown off her ..." His voice faded.

After a while he continued: "I felt her pulse, and knew she was dead. But I have had to wait for almost 13 hours to hear this

whole place shook terribly". She recalled: "I saw a lady with blood all over her face. She

what to do, what can you do?" Miss Sharkey, who suffered injuries to her shoulder, described how the shop owner dragged curtains from inside to use to cover-up the bodies.

Fractured history

she has lost it. I did not know

'So many * injured İ did not know where to start'



Pinto: 'Let me not see this sort of thing again'

BY JANE HUGHES

DOMINIC PINTO, senior consultant surgeon at Tyrone County Hospital, described yesterday how he was greeted by "scenes from a battlefield" when he arrived to tend the injured: "There were so many people injured one didn't know where to start. I am still trying to fathom out what makes people do this. I am saddened and lost for words."

Mr Pinto, who has worked at the hospital for 18 years. issued a plea to the terrorists to stop the violence.

He said: "It saddens me to think that people perpetrate such atrocity. I want to appeal to these people and say what have they gained by doing this? It is their own people that they are injuring and maiming.

"I appeal to them, let me not see this sort of thing again. It's dastardly."

Mr Pinto, like most of the medical staff, worked through the night to deal with the crisis. He said many hospital workers had relatives and friends among the casualties. He added: "One or two of my staff had their own children involved. Unfortunately one case

was quite a severe incident." Hospital staff were assisted at the peak of the crisis by medical workers from across Northern Ireland. A spokesman said that at one time there were 14 anaesthetists on site, although had blood on her eye, and I took he had no accurate figures for a tea-towel to her face and the total number of medical. wife. She was lying on top of the wiped away the blood. Then I nursing and support staff draftcould not see the eye, I think ed in.

Paramedics, GPs, volunteers, health workers and members of the clergy also did what they could to help. The spokesman said; "It was a marvellous response and one which we are extremely thankful for."

Who speaks for the Real IRA?

By DAVID MCKETTRICK AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY

SECURITY SOURCES have been warning for several months that the Real IRA, the group of hardline IRA dissidents which is the chief suspect in the Omagh bombing, was becoming a very serious threat It is much more menacing

than the two earlier rebel groupings, the Continuity IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army, which have been intermittently attempting to sabotage the peace process since it began with the first IRA ceasetire in 1994.

Both the latter were regarded as a containable fringe of extremists, but in recent months the Real IRA has mounted a substantial terrorist campaign - and has now been joined by the two smaller

It was set up last October by the IRA's former Quartermaster-General, a man from Co Louth in the Irish Republic, who resigned in disgust after the second IRA ceasefire and took with him much of the IRA's homb-making expertise and access to timing devices, deto-nators and substantial quantities of explosives. He has now been joined by perhaps 100 IRA activists who feel that the Good Friday peace agreement is a sell-out because it does not lead directly to a united Ireland.

The group is believed to have been responsible for a series of recent attacks, culminating in a 500lb car bomb which devastated the market

town of Banbridge in Co Down. Earlier in the month a Real IRA bombing campaign in London is believed to have been foiled with a series of arrests, and several Real IRA car McKevitt as she styles herself. bombs destined for England or she is purely and simply a



Northern Ireland are understood to have been intercepted by the Irish police so far this

In May, following a mortar attack on a police station in Co Fermanagh, the group declared that it had appointed an "army executive" and that a "war machine is once again being directed at the British Cabinet.

Two names were yesterday on the lips of everyone in Ireland discussing the republican dissident groups: Bernadette Sands and Michael McKevitt.

Ms Sands, sister of Bobby Sands, the IRA hunger striker who died in the Maze Prison in 1981, is an unflinching republican extremist who last year founded the 32-County Sovereignly Movement, regarded by the security forces on both sides of the border as the Real IRA's political face.

Michael McKevitt, a wellknown republican shopkeeper from Dundalk, who was shot in both legs in 1975 in a feud with the Official IRA, is her partner. According to Ms Sandswhich she says has no associations with terrorism and is not even a political party, but rather a pressure group for Irish independence.

Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said some months ago that he believed the head of the Real IRA was aligned to the Sovereignty Movement, or Sovereignty Committee as it was then called.

He added: "People very close to that committee have a military capability. have an expertise and knowledge that we would assess has been deploved in recent attacks. There is a knowledge and expertise there that could be brought to bear in terrorist attacks."

Sinn Fein's national chairman Mitchel McLaughlin said last night that police on both sides of the border knew who were responsible. "We are talking here about a relatively small number of people who in all probability are guilty of what happened yesterday," he said. He told BBC Radio Ulster:

spokesperson for a movement there are those, possibly very young and inexperienced and idealistic people who are being affected by the rhetoric of these people who we don't know, who no one knows."

Earlier this year, Ms Sands-McKevitt conducted an newspaper interview in mourning clothes, having just attended the funeral of a Real IRA member who had been shot dead by Gardai during an armed robbery in Co Wicklow. She commands instant at-

tention in Ireland as the sister of Bobby Sands. The hungerstriker, who was elected to Westminster while in the Maze prison, remains one of the republican movement's most potent icons and martyrs and a large portrait of him, regularly re-painted, is the most prominent republican mural on the Falls Road in Belfast. His sister's argument is es-

sentially that he did not die. after a 66-day hunger strike, for the sort of agreement which Sinn Fein has just accepted: "I can't see what they are doing as being compatible with what "The unfortunate reality is that Bobby died for," she said.

of republicanism she moved out of Belfast 20 years ago to Dundalk, where she runs a small business, and was largely unknown to the public until last year, when she stepped out from a background

Mother and son comfort each other at Mass yesterday in Omagh after Ulster's worst atrocity in 30 years

role to give regular media interviews. In these she often forecasts that republican violence will continue, though her predictions are generally cast not in the form of threats but as state-

ments of the inevitable. She and her movement are implacable opponents of the peace process and the Good Friday agreement. She told one interviewer. "The whole thing is just a re-structuring of British rule in Ireland."

She told another: "Peace is not what our people fought for. They fought for independence."

Criticising Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, she declared: "False hope was generated by some people. The message sent out was that there was light at the end of the tunnel for republicans and, if we held hands, we would come through

"But that wasn't true. I am firmly convinced we are being conned. I believe the talks are a farce. There are those prepared to compromise and that is totally wrong, totally wrong."

THE REAL IRA, which thinks BY TOM GALLAGHER

that by acts like the Omagh bombing it can drive the British into the sea, is only the latest in a long line of hardline defectors from mainstream Irish Republicanism. At the birth of self-govern-

ing Ireland in 1922, the Republican Movement split down the middle over the terms of the peace deal with Britain. Purists committed to a Republic of all Ireland waged an internecine conflict with the moderates led by Michael Collins. the charismatic leader who had signed the peace treaty.

Collins said he had also signed his own death warrant and so it proved: he was shot dead in an ambush. But the moderates eventually prevailed, using far more ruthless methods than the British to smash hardline Republicans: 11,000 were interned and 77 executed in reprisals.

Another split occurred in 1926 when realists, who believed that the Irish Republic could be achieved by anti-imperialist politics rather than militarism, broke away from

extreme Republicanism to form the Fianna Fail Party. Its chief Eamon de Valera. swept to power in 1932, and did not hesitate to deal ruthlessly with Republican extremists, jailing and hanging them, and allowing others to die in futile

hunger strikes. For over 40 years a shrinking band of diehards kept alive the fantasy of Sinn Fein and the IRA as the legitimate power Ireland, but after the ignominious collapse of a military campaign against the Unionist state in the 1950s, a surprising re-think took place.

The by now tiny Republican Movement was steered by Moscow-leaning leftists towards social radicalism and away from nationalism.

Then the movement split again in the early 70s, beween the Marxists, now the Official IRA, that eventually agreed a ceasefire with the paramilitary reprisals. British in 1972, and the Provisionals who still wanted to

passe. A Northern Republican group, led by Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison, decided to revive a moribund Sinn Fein and promote non-violent nationalism politically. When the 1981 Republican hunger strikes mobilised unprecedented popular support, they

adopted a dual political and

struggle had reached an im-

military strategy. The morbid fear of politics subsided, and, by the early 1990s many military men were convinced a long war was unwinnable. The successful Adams-McGuinness partnership meant most backed the leadership's decision to negotiate with the British and the Unionists for powershar-

ing and arnnesty for prisoners. If Sinn Fein names the hardmen, it is unlikely to lead to a split. The bombers in their madness killed Sinn Fein supporters in Omagh, and all Catholics could face Loyalist

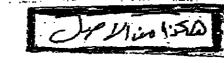
Tom Gallagher is professor of bomb the British out. But. by ethnic conflict at Bradford the end of the 1970s the armed University

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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY



Mandelson the 'brains' behind Labour

CLEVER CLOGS, Vulcans and By VANESSA THORPE those with "pointy heads" will never have much political credibility But Peter Mandelson. well, he is in a class of his own.

This is the ruling of a jury of 12 Mensa members who have created a new PQ rating - or Political Quotient, a cross between an IQ level and assessment of political acumen - to rank each member of the current cabinet

Billed by the elite club's panel as "the brains behind New Labour", it is Peter Mandelson who finishes well ahead of his parliamentary rivals. He scores an impressive 90 points out of a possible 100 PQ.

The Trade Secretary may "not be universally liked" by his colleagues in the Labour Party, but he is considered an astute operator, without being seen as a "pointy head" (the term said to be used by Gordon Brown's spin doctor Charlie Whelan to disparage intellectuals).

Mr Mandelson is closely fol-

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, on 85 points, and Jack Straw. the Home Secretary, on 75.

Others are not so highly valued. Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development, was downgraded for having "a mouth that is bigger than her brain". She earned only 30 PQ points and came joint bottom of the league with Nick Brown, the new Minister of Agriculture. Jack Cunningham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, only just managed to beat them with

The PQ league table, published today in the new edition of Mensa Magazine, was drawn up during secret deliberations by an anonymous jury of specially selected Mensan each of whom has an IQ of over

scores of 35.

The 12 panellists included several captains of industry lowed by Stephen Byers, the and leading civil servants, HOW MENSA RATES THE POLITICIANS



Jack Straw

Intellectual ability: 7

of genuine conviction; his common sense and decency come across.

Mensa says, and they set out to "Our jury took the view that assess each cabinet member some of the cabinet were too purely on political perforclever by half," explained Simon Clark, Mensa Magamance, rather than on their basic level of intelligence.

Jack Cunningham



Clare Short

Political ability; 2 intellectual ability: 5 Intellectual ability: 4

Mensa says: Mouth is Mensa says: Responsible for banning beef on the bone. bigger than her brain; lacks

> "It was not as scientific as an 1Q allocation, but we asked each member to rate the politician on ability and then on intellectual ability, before coming



Peter Mandelson Political ability: 10

Intellectual ability: 8 PQ: 90 Mensa says: The brains behind New Labour but not universally liked!

> up with the final PQ figure." Mensa acknowledges that, while an individual's IQ rating will remain static throughout their life, there is some scope

for improving a PQ score. ale in the nearest salon bar," he "Robin Cook did not do that well writes. this time, but he may have learnt a lot over the last year. It is possible that next year he will score more than 35."

The chairman of Mensa, Noel Burger, said he believed his panel had been correct to assume that a powerful intellect was not the same thing as a good political brain.

"The more rounded a politician is, the more likely they are to be successful," he said. "It also is not really all that important to be liked, and here we could look at the examples of both Peter Mandelson and Margaret Thatcher"

The new edition of the magazine also carries an article by Peter Mandelson's former aide. Derek Draper, who argues that sheer intellect or "pointyheadedness", will rarely be enough to secure political ad-

"In Britain the ambitious politico settles for a newspaper picture of himself drinking local

In contrast, politicians with less savoir-faire, such as Robin Cook, the Lord Chancellor Derry Irvine, and even William Hague, are regarded with sus-

He suggests that the ability to dumb down, or at least not to appear too clever, is the key to smart politicking: "Welcome Jack The Enforcer' Cunningham, a man who learnt his trade among the shop stewards of Newcastle GMB, Peter Mandelson, a strategist with a keen intelligence, but not an intellectual, and John Prescott."

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The fact that Mr Draper was recently caught out boasting about his influence over New Labour does not seem to inhibit him from offering advice.

"Ultimately it is instinct common sense and, above all. luck which services the successful politician more usefully than any degree of grey matter," he concludes.

Tall toddlers 'more likely to grow into teen bullies'

TALL YOUNGSTERS who crave By JOHN VON RADOWITZ stimulation stand a greater than average chance of turning into classroom bullies and possibly even violent criminals, a controversial new study sug-

Researchers found threegirls, just half an inch taller than their peers tended to be unusually aggressive by the age of 11. The same was true of toddlers who were more fearless and stimulation-seeking than other children.

Earlier research has shown that the most aggressive children aged 11 have an increased olent criminals.

Dr Adrian Raine, of the Uni-Los Angeles, who led the study. said: "There appears to be a height. critical period in development, some time after age three but in this month's issue of the jourbefore age 11, when a child learns to use his physical advantage to aggressive ends.

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"Parents of tall toddlers - especially those who are very stimulation-seeking and fearless - need to take extra care to drive home the message that there are a lot better ways than physical force to get what you want in life."

Dr Raine, a clinical neuroscientist, measured the height and weight of 1,130 male and fe-Mauritus's Indians and Creoles. male three-year-olds in Mauriwith a low emigration rate.

stimulation-seeking behaviour - such as their willingness to explore toys away from their mother - and fearlessness.

When the children reached 11 their mothers were quesyear-olds, whether boys or tioned about the degree to which their sons or daughters fought, swore, threatened or displayed "cruel" tendencies to establish an aggression scale.

It was found that children ranked near the top of the scale were generally half an inch taller than average when they were three years old.

Similarly the most aggreslarly stimulation seeking and fearless at the age of three. But versity of Southern California in weight was not as strong a predictor of aggressiveness as

nal Archives of General Psychiatry. Dr Raine thought both physical and psychological factors may account for the trend.

But the link between toddler height, or desire for stimulation, iour could not be explained by differences in family income parents' education, or any other aspect of a child's socio-economic background. The association applied equally among

However, Dr Raine warned tius, a racially mixed country against using the trend to predict whether a particular child The toddlers were scored for would grow up to be a criminal.



The Lowndes Arms, a favourite and discreet watering hole for the rich and famous, is likely to be turned into a private residence

Sir Alec backs campaign to preserve the celebrities' pub from £4m sale

Mink freed in repeat attack

WHO WOULD want to be a BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH mink? By the end of their first week on the run, many had returned to the farm from which they were released by animal liberationists and piteously committed this crime is exbegged to be let back in.

They evidently didn't reckon on the persistent nature of the truly committed animal activist. Yesterday, whether they Ministry of Agriculture said its liked it or not, the mink were liberated again.

A member of staff arriving at Crow Hill Farm in Ringwood, to capture many of the same an-Hampshire, found a new section of the perimeter fence cut yesterday morning and 40 cages open. It is thought about 500 mink made off into the surrounding countryside.

For many this will be their second taste of freedom but life on the outside has not been easy. Of the 4,000 that initially escaped, it is estimated that around 2,000 are still at large, 1,000 have returned - either voluntarily or after being caught - and the rest have met their maker. The majority have been shot, but several have been beaten by shovels, watering rans and hockey sticks as a descrate public fights to protect its pets and livestock from the vicious predators.

So far, no one has claimed responsibility for the second raid but the Animal Liberation

Front said it was behind the first. A spokesman for Hampshire Police said: "Whoever tremely foolhardy in the light of previous advice in respect of the damage to wildlife and local ecology." A spokesman for the staff, who were in the area trying to trap the mink released in the first raid, now faced having imals a second time.



SIR ALEC GUINNESS drank By GARY FINN there because the darts players were "safe". David Niven used to pop in for his pre-prandial because there were no autograph.

Tucked away in Chesham Street, in London's Belgravia. the Lowndes Arms has always been a favourite - and discreet -watering hole for the rich and

Those who have propped up its bar include Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood, Tom Baker, Pierce Brosnan, Blair (Lionel not Tony), Helen Shapiro, Susannah York and Michael Crawford. It achieved celluloid fame itself in the film The Cryina Game.

But property speculators

have other ideas. This casual stop-off for the parched celebrity, open for 250 years, is to be sold – as a house.

tag, the owner Inntrepreneur Pub Company, has decided it can make more money from one straight sale than in the

by its clientele. Independent: "I am very sorry closed. I think it is the nicest pub in that part of London."

Completed in 1762 by the cofounder of the Bank of England Sir William Lowndes, for the

ever since.

mer landlords, the pub's cur-With a potential £4m price rent managers and more than 1,000 pub-goers, to save the bar. Campaigners point to a

fickle trade in ploughman's and other than as a shop or a lipints - a decision condemned censed victuallers. They accuse the current owners of Sir Alec Guinness told The rushing through planning permission without consultation to hear that the pub might be and of ignoring Sir William's

> dants, Simon Lowndes, said they may form a limited company as a campaign group to

brickies that built Belgravia, it fight the closure. "What they ice with the breach this covenant.

covenant drawn up by Sir place. It's prided for its privaare looking at it but at this William that prohibits any use cy but Lowndes Arms is a stage we are unconvinced it has haven for those seeking com- any legal status."

> pub that he bequeathed free to morphosed into a crude moneymaking device."

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has served the area unbroken are doing not only goes against however. David Simpson, the memory of this great man spokesman for Inntrepreneur. Now Sir William's surviving who did so much for this coun-relatives have lined up with for-try but also against the sancti-commercially successful. As ty of the law by seeking to for this covenant, that has only recently emerged two or three "Belgravia is, at the best of weeks ago. We don't think it has times, a very quiet, anonymous any validity and legal advisers

> For Keith Matthews, who "If Sir William were alive makes the 200-yard daily stroll today he would be terribly dis- from his home for his pint, it will appointed at the thought of a be the end of a 33-year habit.

> He said: "Asking if the pub the community being meta- was open was as foolish as speculating as to whether the sun would rise tomorrow. But Threats of court action, pe-now it won't - it makes me very

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entists are not convinced that

biotechnology firms are completely in control of their products. "I have concerns about the

long-term environmental ef-

fects of these crops," said Susan

Greenfield, a leading brain re-

searcher at Oxford University

The Astronomer Royal, Sir

Martin Rees, said: "Although I

would eat them. I think one

biological gerontology at Man-

chester University, would eat

genetically modified food, but

GM food would be toxic, but I

do have concerns about gene transfer ... to other plants. I

think the risks are not being

biology at Brunel University

and an expert on chemicals in the environment that mimic fe-

cerned about the risks to

about what would happen when GM crops escape from fields -

Richard Horton, editor of The Lancet, said: "I think these

should proper safety testing.

like a drug, on unimals, and

Steve Jones, professor of

genetics at University College

London, said: "Nothing in life is

ever safe, but compared to

other things we have to worry

about - bacteria and BSE, say

chief executive of British

Biotech, the pharmaceuticals

most widely used GM food - in-

Watchdog sought, page 13

the risks are tiny."

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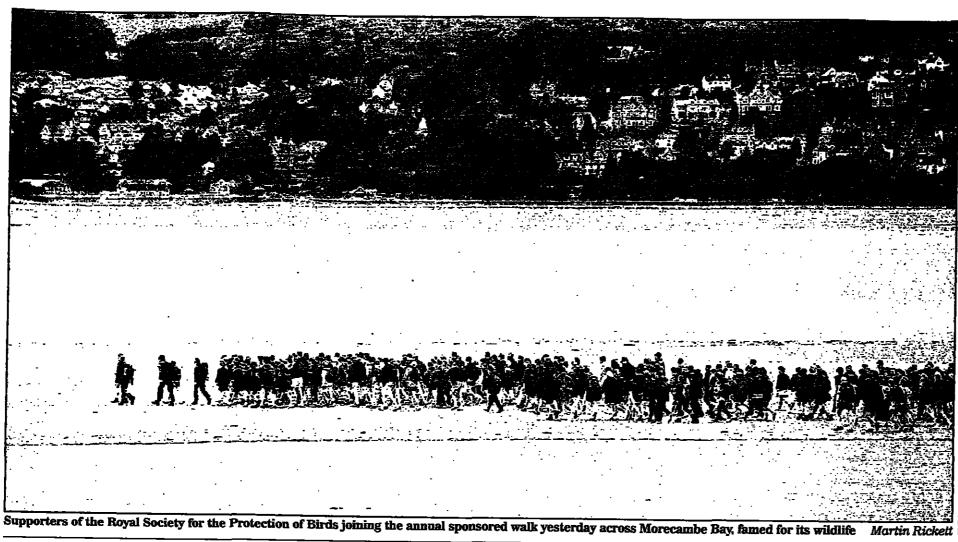
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Scientists worried by modified food risks

LEADING BRITISH scientists By Charles Arthur are concerned about the risk to AND STEVE CONNOR the environment of genetically modified (GM) crops and foods Independent has found.

Some fear that genes inserted into crops to confer new traits could escape into the wild or even affect human health in unpredictable ways. They suspect that the longterm experiments necessary to assess the risks have not been carried out.

"I see worries in the fact that we have the power to manipulate genes in ways that would be improbable or impossible through conventional evolution," said Colin Blakemore, Waynflete professor of physiology at Oxford University and president of the British Assoriation for the Advancement of Science. "We shouldn't be complacent in thinking that we can predict the results.

Gordon McVie, head of the male hormones, is also con-Cancer Research Campaign, is also concerned. "We don't know wildlife. "Eating GM food prob what ... genetic abnormalities ably would not worry me a might be incorporated into the great deal. My concerns are genome [the individual's DNA]. I'm more worried about hument, to be honest. One of the problems is that because it's a long-term thing, you need to do long-term experiments."

David Bellamy, the botanist, condemned the commercial motives behind the "gene revolution". It would "disenfranchise poor people from their genetic inheritance and their lands", and he warned: "Supercrops and superweeds know no boundaries".

The Independent spoke to a came from Dr Keith McCullagh. broad range of scientists from a variety of disciplines, including biology, physics and as-tronomy, to ask them if they eat they (GM foods) have been GM foods; if they have any modified doesn't introduce any concerns about GM foods and new hazard to human health. crops; and if they think the

The Women's Nutritional public is being well-informed Advisory Service, which is op-

ter published in *The Independent* on Friday from Richard actively use GM products - inactively use GM products - in-Dawkins, the Oxford evolu- cluding Sainsbury's, Safeway, tionary scientist, who con- Somerfield, Tesco, Asda, Buddemned "ignorant hysteria gens. Kwik Save and Spar. It also lists 47 firms that avoid gemany people to question the netically modified soya - the safety of transgenic products. cluding Waitrose and Iceland.

But The Independent's sur-



Non-stick ketchup runs out of the lab

A SCANNING technique for head injury patients is helping Social Affairs Correspo to develop the perfect ketchup.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is used for body scanning, particularly to monitor brain activity. But for the first time, industrial scientists are adapting it to develop a tomato ketchup that can pour without sticking.

For most people, watching food travel around someone else's mouth is considered bad manners. But scientists are using MRI to scan the brains and mouths of people while eating to detect exactly how the food breaks up in the mouth and pinpoint its texture.

This is the first time in the world MRI has been used in this way. We have adapted the technology to look at food and fluids," said Professor Laurie Hall, who leads the team at the Herchel Smith Laboratory for Medicinal

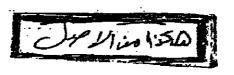
Chemistry in Cambridge.
The way MRI works is to map the distribution of water molecules and the other subSocial Affairs Correspondent

stances around it. What the scientists are doing, both in examining the mouth and also in separate experiments pushing food through a pipe, is to map the distribution in margarine and then re-create the pattern by using fat substitutes such as polysaccharides. By re-creating the same pattern it ensures the texture or "mouth feel" of the food is the same,

The technique is also helping create a low fat margarine that tastes like butter, which should be fully developed and on the shelves within two years.

"What we're doing is helping to create more healthy foods so that people can have a more healthy diet." said Professor Hall, who is doing the work with industrial giant Unilever.

In a similar - but slightly less health-conscious - experiment the scientists measure how much force it takes to propel ketchup down a pipe.



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Red fire lified engines I risks turning white

LIKE THE telephone box and By IAN BURRELL the bobby's helmet, the red fire engine has become a national icon. But just as British Telecom has switched to new clear booths and police forces are experimenting with flat caps, so fire services are now

painting their engines white. The switch is based on research showing that the traditional red appliance turns black other emergency services." under bright lighting and is harder to spot in traffic than vehicles of other colours. It is involving fire engines and improve their response times.

One fire service has aiready switched to white and at least four others are preparing to follow. A report on white engines is being sent to the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers'

"If these white fire appli-ances prove successful it is fire chiefs. possible that other brigades will follow suit, resulting in the familiar red fire engines vanishing from Britain's streets," said Simon Hoffman, editor of

Home Affairs Correspondent

Scotland, the public has responded favourably to the in-

engines earlier this summer. Gordon Kennedy, the deputy will now be more conspicuous. This brings us into line with the

He said other fire services would be switching to white in coming months. Two Scottish hoped that the change will re- and several English services duce the number of accidents have been to see the Grampian vehicles with a view to changing their own fleets.

> gion had a reputation for trendsetting within the fire service. Its decision to change fire uniforms from navy blue to mustard - so that chemical spills would be visible – has now been copied by many English

The red fire engine has been ingrained in the British consciousness through images ranging from the toytown brigade in the BBC children's programme Trumpton to the In Grampian Fire Service in televised drama series

troduction of eight white firemaster, said: "Hopefully we

Mr Kennedy said that the re-

The country's first white fire engine was introduced by the Grampian fire brigade, which believes the new colour is much more conspicuous than red

evidence in favour of dropping tradition in favour of practical-

stitute of Optometrists and the sensory information reaching Transport Research Labora- the brain was of visual origin tory at Crowthorne in Berk- and that lighter colours were shire have shown that white easier to pick up. It concluded

London's Burning. The and yellow are the most visible that green was the most diffiprospect of it changing colour colours and that red and grey is likely to dismay fans. But the are the hardest to make out. Similarly, research carried

out for the Department of Postal Services in the United Studies carried out by the In- States found that 90 per cent of gins to fade.

cult colour to see. In Germany, drivers of red vehicles have even been advised to put on their headlights sooner than other motorists when light be-

One of the first people to become aware of the danger of red fire engines in Britain was Albert Leese, who was the chief

fire officer in Coventry between 1960 and 1974. Mr Leese had noticed how invisible the appliances became under bright lighting and asked scientists from Coventry's Lanchester College to investigate.

Working with Dulux, the paint company, they concluded that the colour of optimum visibility was somewhere on the

and yellow. Accordingly, Mr Leese ordered that the city of Coventry's fire engines were painted this colour. "It's not a pleasant colour," he admitted. It's a colour that when you look at it, it gives you a bit of a shock."

spectrum between lime green

But the colour change improved response times and cut the number of accidents in-

Leese wrote to the Home Office Fire Department, recomchange be taken up nationally.

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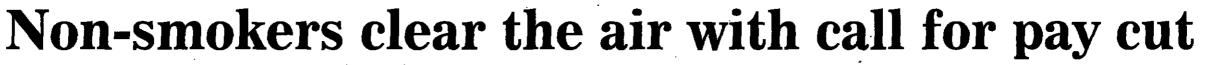
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"They wrote back and said, 'Fire engines have always been red', which was a very scientific answer," he said, adding that the engines had been painted



OFFICES AND factories have By JEREMY LAURANCE become hotbeds of smouldering discontent because non-smokers think their smoking col-

Smokers, already ostracised for their anti-social habit, could also be hit in the pocket if their tobacco-free colleagues have

Health Editor

their way. More than one in leagues are slackers, according three believes the pay of smok- Nicorette, makers of nicotine chologist at the National Ad- help them is to get them to quit. place, including eight out of 10 pensate for the time they spend on cigarette breaks, the polling organisation Gallup has found.

Even among smokers, 27 do less at work, compared with feeling the smokers are not people stop smoking rather bad image. There were 72 per with current management puff and work simultaneously.

survey of 2,000 workers for ers should be docked to com- chewing gum, admitted the diction Centre, London, said: That benefits everybody."

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per cent voted for their own pay 15 per cent of the smokers who pulling their weight. It may be to be cut. voted for their own pay 15 per cent of the smokers who pulling their weight. It may be were prepared to admit to true that people are smoking Gallup, which conducted the being slackers.

Gay Sutherland, clinical psy-The survey showed half of between smokers and non-

rather than getting on with their work but the best way to

cent of people thought em-

than provide smoking rooms or cent who said employers thinking on smoking policies force them to go outside. How-should help smokers to kick the and the accusation that smokever, nine out of 10 backed bans on smoking in the work- and education.

habit by providing counselling ers take more breaks is imsubstantiated." said spokes-But FOREST, which pro- man Martin Ball.

He recommended compaloitering smokers and decaying commodated in the work place. with telephones and work stabutts gave their workplace a "The findings are out of step tions to allow employees to

Rail sub-contractors are 'cutting corners' on safety

RAIL PASSENGERS could be at BY PETER WOODMAN risk from engineering subcontractors "cutting corners" to finish projects on time, it was disclosed vesterday.

The fear was expressed after a survey of health and safety professionals in the rail industry The survey also found that

more than one in four of these health and safety professionals felt there was less commitment to health and safety in the rail industry than there was five "These findings cause us

considerable concern." said Stephen Fulwell, head of technical affairs at the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, which conducted the

The institution also discovered that almost one-third of rail health and safety professionals considered their status to be lower than it was five

"We have found that sharper commercial focus in the privatised rail sector, combined

with an increase in the outsourcing of engineering projects, may be encouraging some sub-contractors to 'cut and budgets," the institution

Mr Fulwell said that his organisation, which represents 23.000 health and safety professionals, was also concerned that certain proposed safety measures for the industry, such 1 trains, which have limited crash-survivability, were first ous year.

Signals become "pegs" or

put forward 10 years ago. "We want to make sure, given the feedback from our members and the upward trend in corners' under the pressure of rail accidents, that rail compadelivering to tight deadlines nies and the franchising directorate are putting health and safety high enough up the corporate agenda," said Mr

Last week, the Health and Safety Executive disclosed that, excluding suicides and trespassers, 47 people died on the as the withdrawal of old Mark railways in 1997-98 - nearly double the figure of the previ-

Do you speak trainspotting?

BY GARY FINN

IT'S A rare glimpse into a secret world, one populated by "gricers", "festoons" and "bashers". The vocabulary hints at a covert society bound by arcane codes of conduct, but you will find its members everywhere - they are trainspotters. Now one rail enthusiast has broken ranks and lifted the lid

ulates platforms up and down the country. Rod Warrington, a member of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line, has written about

on the peculiar slang that pop-

the sub-culture that obsesses fellow enthusiasts. His glossary for the trainspotter is included in this month's issue of the campaign

group's magazine. Here is a pantheon where "gricing" (the trainspotters' term for their noble art) is home to "festoons" - older gricers encumbered with cameras, tape recorders and other

"The young number-takers take the mickey out of the people with the tape recorders," explained Peter Shaw of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle

The "Festoons" in turn of "steam-bashers". "wagon-



bashers" and "line bashers". ridicule the obsessive train number collectors ("bashers").

"Bashers" are further sub-"sticks" and engines can be "doughnuts" (see-through endivided by their devotion to different locomotives, trains or gine), "choppers" (with a sound like a helicopter) or "nodding routes and carry the monikers donkeys" (a bumpy ride).

Mr Warrington, 54, from Chester, said that the trainspotting oeuvre was taken very seriously by enthusiasts. "Some swear if you walk in front of their cameras. Others race trains by car. They are just

Mr Warrington's own vice is the Settle-Carlisle line. He said: "I diagnosed my problem as Settleandcarlisleitis, apparently incurable and regarded by unfeeling wives and partners not so much as an infectious bug but as a psychiatric compulsive disorder.'

He added there was an increasing amount of jargon that even he had never heard of. "I was told that 'gricing' was now the correct term for what we would be doing. Apparently 'trainspotting' had become passé," he said

Betty Kirkpatrick, editor of Roget's Thesaurus, said "gricer" had already made it to the dictionaries to indicate a railway enthusiast.

"It is the nature of all groups to have their own jargon," said Ms Kirkpatrick. "It's almost like being in a secret society and having passwords, words of acceptance. It's a vocabulary designed to exclude as much as

SIEMENS



Missing baby found alive after crash

A 13-MONTH-OLD baby who disappeared three days ago was yesterday found alive on a mountainside near the body of his devoted grandfather.

Liam Evans was found near his grandfather Gwilym Evans's car, which had plunged 150 yards down a steep slope at a remote spot in north-west Wales, about 50 miles from Mr Evans's home in Colwyn Bay.

Liam was discovered sitting crying in thick ferns near the wrecked Vauxhall Vectra. He had survived the crash with only cuts and scratches and was flown to Glan Clywd Hospital, near Abergele. by police

The body of 61-year-old Mr Evans, a retired police inspector, was found 20 yards further up the slope at the Horseshoe Pass, near Llangollen. Police say that it is not yet known how he died.

Detective Superintendent Eric Jones of North Wales Police said it was possible that the car could have been hidden on the mountainside for two or three days. It was eventually found by a young boy from the Wirtal who was on a day out in the area - a panoramic beauty spot that attracts hundreds of visitors a day during the sum-

As forensic scientists began to try to piece together a picture of what might have happened, Det Supt Jones said it was possible that Mr Evans had managed to get Liam out of the car before losing conscious-

"It would appear at this early stage of the investigation that it is nothing more than a tragic accident," he said.

Liam has nothing more than a few scratches. It is remarkable how he survived." He said that there were

signs that the car had rolled

BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

over. The straps on the car's child seat and the driver's seat belt were found unsecured and the driver's airbag had inflated. The spot where the car came to rest was hidden from the

road, although police said the

point where it left the car-

riageway could be seen. Liam was found only hours after his parents pleaded for his grandfather to contact them and said his disappearance was totally out of character.

Ruth and Gary Evans said Mr Evans was devoted to the little boy and his three-year-old sister Sophia. They were at their son's bedside last night.

Det Supt Jones said the discovery of their son had been one of both "happiness and

"When I broke the news to both parents I think they were torn between elation and sadness," he said. "You can imag-

Mr Evan's disappearance. ine the pressure the family which made it impossible for him to walk long distances without suffering extreme

> garage in Colwyn Bay, where Mr Evans filled the tank of his car with petrol. A sighting of a man and a boy answering the name Liam was made later the same day in Criccieth, more than 50 miles

have been under during the last

vanished on Thursday afternoon. Mr Evans and his wife,

Barbara, were looking after

him while his parents took

Sophia to Liverpool's Alder

Hey hospital, where she is

being treated for coeliac dis-

ease, which means she has to

During the afternoon, Liam

became boisterous and Mr

Evans told his wife he would

take him out for a while so that

she could prepare his food.

Minutes later, Mrs Evans dis-

covered they had gone out in

return three hours later she

A massive hunt was organ-

ised and more than 100 sight-

ings were reported to police,

who said they were baffled by

He had severe arthritis

The only positive sighting

was later the same day at a

reported them missing.

When they had still failed to

follow a gluten-free diet.

Liam and his grandfather

four days."

the car.

not confirmed. Det Supt Jones, who worked with Mr Evans before he retired in 1986, said he was a placid and

south of Colwyn Bay, but it was

ouiet man. He was also said to be very friendly and sincere and in all his time as an officer, had reacted well under pressure.

During his career Mr Evans earned 10 commendations and was a member of Special ference Dave Kendall/PA Branch for a time.



Gwilym Evans and his 13-month-old grandson, Liam, to whom he was devoted

Jackson backs Blairite NEC hopefuls

GLENDA JACKSON, the minister for transport in London, will give her support today to the Blairite slate of candidates for the party's National Executive

The group running under the were also claiming last night they had the support of Cabinet heavyweights Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, and Frank Dobson, the Health

Ms Jackson's demonstrated

Chief Political Correspondent

Ruth Evans in a press con-

backing for the group, by chairing a press conference in London attended by the six candidates, follows reports that banner of "Members First" the leadership is "in panic" over fears that the left-wing Grassroots Alliance is better organised and will win more

The group, which includes the actor and gay rights activist Michael Cashman, will mount a counter-attack in the in-

creasingly vitriolic battle for the position of Mayor of Lonsix seats on the NEC for condon next year, is seen as a porting them," said Mr Jones. who want to undermine the Grassroots Alliance to claim six seats on the NEC for constituency members.

This led last week to an attack

on Liz Davies, a left-wing candidate, by the party general secretary, Tom Sawyer over the conduct of the telephone ballot. Mr Blair's cabinet colleagues have warned the leadership to avoid having its fingerprints on the campaign by Members First to stop the left-

The former Oscar-winning actress, who is expected to run

staunch support of Tony Blair's modernisation of the party. Her support for the group will be seen by the left as confirmation

that Members First are being

put up by the leadership to stop the left candidates. That was denied last night by the group's press officer, Phil Jones. "Glenda Jackson is going to talk about the people who are in the party who support these

candidates. She is going to say Robin Cook, David Blunkett

"The main reason for the press conference is to give the press an opportunity to show these people are not a bunch of Blairite clones. These are not people who are on-message the whole time.

"We have no problem with people saying these are people that Tony Blair would rather have than Liz Davies. I think the difference is between people who believe that on the whole the Government is doing a good

who want to undermine the leadership, who never wanted

want him as Prime Minister." Mr Jones, the researcher for Ben Bradshaw, the gay Labour MP said Members First was set up at the instigation of a Labour supporter, who has been given a peerage by Mr Blair, to implement the "party into power" strategy paper endorsed by the annual conference last year. "I don't think it is anything

to do with left versus right at all.

they are a centre-left grouping Blair as the leader and don't with representatives of the Hattersleyite right-wing and that we are just right-wing. Michael Cashman is not right-wing." The candidates on the Mem-

bers First slate with Mr Cashman are: Diana Jeuda, Rita Stringfellow, Terry Thomas, Margaret Payne and Sylvia Tudhope. Several have strong trade union links. Steve Richards,

Jail bill rises to £10m for 'transit' refugees

By Ian Burrell Home Affairs Correspondent

BRITAIN IS spending up to £10m a year jailing refugees who are being arrested as they pass through British airports on their way to seek asylum in the US. The asylum seekers are be-

ing held because American airlines refuse to risk incurring fines by allowing them to board their planes with false papers. Last year more than 800 of these traded relugees were jailed compared with fewer

than a dozen four years ago. They are being charged with possession of false travel documents and sentenced to an average of three months in prison. The trend, which is being linked with the 1995 introduction of carriers' liability legislation that means airlines are fined for carrying illegal immigrants, is revealed in a report

tion of Probation Officers. Some of those arrested were iailed for nine months, at a cost to the British taxpayer of

today by the National Associa-

about £20,000. Harry Fletcher, the association's assistant general secretary, said: "Virtually all of them come from authoritarian countries, and the experience of British jails traumatises them further. It seems inhuman and a waste of taxpayers' money to prosecute these people." Most of the traded refugees - who are flown back to their country of origin after being released from jail in Britain - come from Iraq. Iran and Algeria.

They are among a record 4,664 foreign nationals being held in British jails. The numbers have grown by 44 per cent over the past 12 years, a rate that surpasses even the exceptional growth in the incar-

ceration of British nationals. The association said that, although 1,000 of these prisoners were eligible for repatriation to their country of origin, only 17 were transferred last year.

The report, Foreign Nationals in British Jails, also finds significant anecdotal evidence that black foreign prisoners, particularly women jailed for drug offences, are given much harsher sentences than white foreign nationals who have committed similar offences.

The report contrasts a series of female Caribbean cocaine smugglers, who are serving sentences of 10 years or more, with a French woman who received four years for importing 10 kilograms of the drug.

Mr Fletcher said: "Everyone that works in the system says that black foreigners get higher sentences than Europeans. Many foreign nationals in UK jails also had poor access to lawyers and translators, and were given little information Review, page 4 | about appeal procedures."

Fizzy drinks blamed for swollen mouth epidemic

FIZZY DRINKS may be to blame for the world's worst epidemic of oral Crohn's Disease, which has struck in the west of Scotland, researchers claim.

Dental experts believe an allergic reaction to carbonated drinks could be the cause of the outbreak of the incurable illness. Crohn's Disease normally attacks the bowel but almost 500 Scots, most of them children, have developed an oral form: 88 per cent of them live on the west coast of Scotland.

This compares with just 40

cases of oral Crohn's Disease in the United States.

BY SAMANTHA POLING

Professor David Wray, professor of oral medicine at Glasgow Dental Hospital, told Scotland on Sunday that the disfiguring condition results in grotesquely swollen lips.

"The thing most striking is that the vast majority of them have the concurrent factor of a vatives and flavourings.

"It is accurate to say that in terms of the prevalence of the disease there seems to be an epidemic in the west of Scotland compared to the UK and the

over 400 patients here whereas there are only 40 in the whole of the US."

Researchers at Glasgow Dental Hospital believe it may be caused by an allergic reaction to preservatives found in fizzy drinks as well as bacteria found in milk.

An extensive study into the epidemic has been conducted and experts now say that people living in the west of Scotland have a genetic predisposition to developing the allergic reaction with leads to the oral disease.

It causes swelling of the lips

istic inflammation of the gums and a cobblestone texture on the inside of the mouth.

Recent studies show that children suffer bullying and psychological damage as a result of their disfigurement. Oral Crohn's Disease was

first discovered in 1969, although it was found only in patients who also suffered from the more common Crohn's Disease of the gut. However, the Glasgow scientists have found that only 80 of their 440 patients have the disease in both the gut

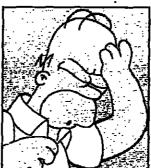
Doh! Duff beer costs £4,000

BY PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

THE CARTOON character Homer Simpson is such a worldwide cultural icon that cases of his favourite beer which has been banned by a judge - are changing hands at up to £4,000 each.

In the week that Homer was given his very own slab in the Hollywood Walk of Fame, it emerged that fans of the patriarch of The Simpsons are dealing in rare cases of his Duff Beer on the Internet.

Duff Beer was produced by the South Australian Brewing Company last year in homage to the world's most popular nuclear power-plant worker. It



Homer Simpson and the beer with rarity value

looks just like the beer Homer drinks, so 20th Century Fox, makers of The Simpsons, and Matt Groening, the cartoon's creator, took the brewery to



An Australian judge watched several hours of the series and decided that Homer regularly consumed Duff Beer, often "in copious quantities". So brewery

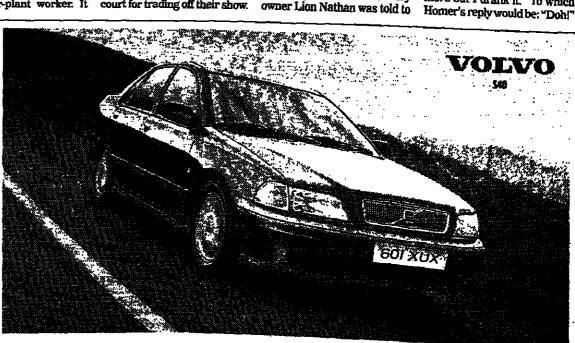
stop making and marketing it. The beer is now rapidly rising in price as it becomes a rarity. When it was on open sale, a case of 24 cans cost A\$15 (£5.60). Now a six-pack is being advertised on the Internet for A\$750 and cases for up to A\$6,300 each. One collector claims he can get A\$1,000 a can.

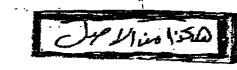
Homer's fondness for beer is well chronicled - one of his catchphrases is "Beer me". Roger Cooper, who offers beer for sale on the Internet, shares his passion: "I have a six-pack of Duff left unopened and the carton I bought the 24 cans in." On discovering its new value, he added plaintively: "I had a lot more but I drank it." To which

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Public misled on costs of Trident'

THE GOVERNMENT has been accused of misleading the public over the cost of Britain's nuclear deterrent to the tune of up to £1bn a year

refugee.

In its recent Strategic Defence Review Labour said Britain's "nuclear warhead programme as a whole" cost £410m, but anti-nuclear camthe taxpayer is as high as

The gaping difference has been exposed by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in the type of exercise it used to carry out for Labour MPs when

they were in opposition. William Peden, CND's Parliamentary researcher, said: "Labour are quite clearly embarrassed to have inherited Trident yet done nothing to get rid of it, so they have decided instead to make it look inexpensive. They have missed out whole tranches of expendi-

night dismissed the claims, saying the costs were clearly published within the review. However, CND said they had been presented to voters in a less than transparent format.

In the review, the cost of the Trident nuclear submarine is put at £114m and the cost of the whole nuclear warhead programme at £410m. Mr Peden says this fails to take into account the means of delivering the weapon - Trident subs and all the other ships, planes and submarines needed to defend them, as well as the submarine bases and personnel.

The defence review says its cost of decommissioning the part of Britain's deterrent.

BY STEVE BOGGAN

nuclear submarines designed

Last December, Lord Gilbert, Minister of State at the Ministry of Defence, told the House of Lords: "The cost of providing, operating, maintaining and disposing of the paigners claim the true cost to Royal Navy's ballistic missile submarine fleet and its missiles is estimated to be some £530m in the current financial year."

This is on top of the Government's figure of £410m, making £940m spent on all aspects of having a nuclear de-terrent CND claims that even this figure is an underestimate and might be as high as £1.5bn.

The organisation argues that only proportions of the cost of bases like Faslane and Coulport are included in the Government's figures when without Trident they would have no purpose.

CND spokeswoman Louise The Ministry of Defence last Edge said: "We want the Government to come clean and give a line by line detailed account - one that reveals the total cost of Britain possessing and operating nuclear weapons and does not attempt to fox the public with clever accountancy techniques or sophistry."

The Ministry of Defence said the figures published in its review were the most transparent ever A spokesman said CND was deliberately "misrepresenting" their meaning. He said that the higher figure quoted by Lord Gilbert included some residual costs from the decommissioning of Polaris, Trident's predecessor. These estimates include "the cost of were not included, however, decommissioning weapons because the review was inwithdrawn from service". But tended to be "forward-looking" it does not appear to include the and Polaris does not figure as



Spectators and performers gather on the Mound in Edinburgh, showing varying degrees of interest in the Festival

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Political correctness is too late for St Joan

IT SEEMED like the moment that political correctness had finally caught up with the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Children from Kirkcaldy High School presenting a play about Joan of Arc were told by the Fringe office that their piece contravened Edinburgh District Council rules on violence

And the Fringe office declared it was not prepared to en is now banned from broadbroadcast scenes on the spe- cast. The other piece - you cial screen showing Fringe ex- know, the one where the cerpts in Princes Street woman is tortured and burnt Gardens. It had to "protect" the on the stake - is ruled to be

Only after teachers had dried the tears of their bewildered pupils did it emerge that the Fringe office had confused the children's play about St Joan, which they had entitled "The Lark", with another piece by the same name that was put on by the National Film School, which showed a woman being

So, the woman being beatpublic from disturbing scenes. okay. Confusing stuff, this poEDINBURGH DIARY

litical correctness, and not just last year but was cancelled befor the dummies at the Fringe

Perhaps the most emotionally incorrect comedy on offer is Love on the Throne. This slightly surreal piece by the National Theatre of Brent is a sideways view by its two male performers of the romance, Charles and Diana.

It was to be shown this time

"Ah," responds the spokeswoman for the assembly rooms director William Burdettcause of Diana's death. The Coutts. "The anniversary falls jokes are many, perhaps the on a Monday and Mondays most memorable the one that have been programmed for resting days for the show." For makes Charles's mistress a sofa manufacturer: Camilla which I nominate Mr Burdett-Parker Knoll. Coutts for a new Fringe diplo-

But it is nevertheless the case that the humour, written when Diana was still alive, is leavened by events and now sticks in the throat a little.

Good to see the first reverse-concession ticket being I wondered whether they is doing a site-specific show on would dare to perform on the a putting green. Tickets are ad-

anniversary of Diana's death.

"Break a leg" is the wellknown cry of encouragement in theatrical circles from backstage staff to performers. Best not to shout it though to Paul Merton when he does his first stand up act for 10 years at the festival. The Have I Got News For You star last did stand-up comedy here at the festival in 1988 and appears to have been too traumatised by the result to attempt it again over the He fell and a broke leg.

vertised at "One pound or ten

pounds if you're on expenses"

DAVID LISTER

BA gives a final warning to drunken passengers

AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS who disrupt British Airways flights are to be targeted in a "yellow card" warning scheme, it was announced yesterday.

BA is to launch a trial project in which final warnings will be issued to anti-social passengers in an attempt to reduce unruly behaviour, otherwise known as 'air rage", which has increased by 400 per cent over the last

The notices, which warn disorderly passengers that fur-ther bad behaviour could lead to their arrest and being liable

BY IAN SHOESMITH

to any costs incurred by the airline, will begin worldwide from September.

Last month, a BA jet made an unscheduled landing in Tenerife after a drunken passenger attempted to force his way into the pilot's cabin during a flight from Rio de Janeiro to London.

lead to trouble, it is smokers who cause cabin crew the most problems. Smoking was in-

craft in Milan.

Captain Brian Bliss is

the 260 serious incidents safety, security and environment, hoped the warning This was highlighted three scheme would carry weight in courts around the world should prosecutions be made. He pledged his support for air crews to take a firm line, saying: "Cabin crew are usually the first in the firing line when it comes to dealing with air rage but they are certainly not alone

> when it comes to tackling it." He added that BA supported Captain Bliss's actions. claiming that smoking in lavatories jeopardised a flight's

IN BRIEF

Lockerbie bomb trial hopes raised JIM SWIRE, a spokesman for the British relatives of victims of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing yesterday welcomed reports that a secret delegation from the Arab

world had travelled to Libya to press for a trial of the two men accused of the outrage, which claimed 270 lives.

Banks brought to account BANKS HAVE come under fire for "slap dash" treatment of customers after a review commissioned by ITV's World in Action looked at 45 personal, small business and

11 arrests in genetic crop protest

and showed 77 per cent had been overcharged. .

mortgage accounts in the West Yorkshire town of Ilkley

ELEVEN GREEN campaigners were arrested yesterday after genetically-engineered crops were uprooted from a field in Boothby Graffoe, near Lincoln. Three members of the GenetiX Snowball direct action group pulling 10 sugar beet plants from the ground at Sharpe's Seeds Ltd.

Robots' Atlantic flight nearly over THREE TINY robotic aeroplanes, attempting the first

unmanned flight across the Atlantic, are a pected to land on the Scottish island of Benbecula, in the Outer Hebrides, today from St John's in Newfoundland.

Teachers consulted over pay SCHOOL HEADTEACHERS and deputies are to be questioned by the National Union of Teachers on

extension of performance-related pay.

Lottery numbers THE WINNING numbers in Saturday's National Lottery draw were 3, 5, 15, 22, 31 and 35, with bonus number 47.

proposals to change the way they are paid, including an

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Parents' group due for reform

A RESCUE package has been drawn up to reform Britain's largest and richest parents' group after a damning Charity Commission report

Members of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, which represents parents of children at 11,000 schools, will vote later this year on a set of measures to give the troubled body a new constitution. Richard Hill of accountants

KPMG, who was appointed the charity's interim manager in February, said: "The message I'm hearing is that the NCPTA must continue." The confederation was heavily criticised by Charity Commissioners last year after an

investigation into allegations of mismanagement. Commissioners had told the charity to carry out a complete strategic review, improve its links with members and review its financial controls after finding the organisation had no overall strategy or direction, was obsessed with secrecy and had been side-tracked by in-

Reforms drawn up by Mr Hill wolves holding elections for 10

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new trustees, each appointed

for a fixed term. Three or four more trustees would be appointed by the Charity Commission to bring expert professionals on to the board.

Ten new regional offices would also be created, each with a full-time official, to improve communications between national and local level. Details of the new constitu-

tion will be put to PTA representatives later this month. Mr Hill said a formal vote on the changes would be taken at the group's annual general meeting in October.

The NCPTA is wealthy, with an annual income of around £750,000 from PTAs, which have subscribed largely for the insurance cover it offers for events like school fetes.

Margaret Morrissey, NCPTA press officer, said: "We were still very much a little PTA group which had become a national body, but we did not have the mechanisms to manage it. This will put us on a more busi-

recorded by BA last year.

weeks ago when a pilot for BA's bargain operator, Go, was questioned by Italian police for allegedly refusing to allow his 148 passengers to leave the air-

thought to have been angered after none of the passengers on the flight owned up to breaking a no-smoking ban by lighting up in the lavatories, putting safe-

David Hyde, BA's director of

Grand Jury: America holds its breath as the US leader finally testifies over allegations of adultery and perjury

Clinton faces his moment of truth

THIS AFTERNOON William Jef- By MARY DEJEVSKY ferson Clinton is due to become in Washington the first President of the United States to testify before a grand jury in defence of his own conduct. It is an event not only without precedent, but fraught with risk - for his presidency, for his political legacy, for his reputation, for his family.

Washington's establishment. including the mainstream meipating Mr Clinton's testimony From the time he enters the lationship with Ms Lewinsky.
White House Map Room to That only works if the denial begin his evidence on closed circuit TV to the court, to when he addresses the nation (as he is fully expected to do), the political world will be on hold.

The White House has been in crisis mode for three weeks, since the former White House trainee, Monica Lewinsky, agreed terms with the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, for giving her version of her relationship with the President.

Few, if any, White House staff have been privy to the President's thinking. Partly this is because it would have exposed them to the risk of being called to account before the grand jury. It is partly also because Mr Clinton is not in the habit of confiding in others on such matters, except perhaps his wife.

As the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, said soon after the first allegations broke, the relationship must be "complicated", why else would be not have explained it? Some 70 per sters that they believe Mr Clinton had an affair with Ms Lewinsky, and lied about it. That number has risen steadily since January.

Until now, an only a slightly admission in the light of his telesmaller majority (63 per cent) have said they approve of how Mr Clinton is doing his job. De- Lewinsky". "Sex is sex," said pending on how Mr Clinton testifies, that public support communications director, after could change. The media consensus is that if Mr Clinton goes Americans seem to agree. They back on his earlier denials, the reaction may be unpredictable. "It could alter the President's whole relationship with the American people," said one

Lewinsky matter date back to be a very serious offence" if "a sworn testimony he gave on 17 President" were proved to have ual harassment case brought by former Arkansas state empiovee Paula Jones.

While hedging and fudging most of his replies, Mr Clinton expressly denied a sexual relationship with Ms Lewinsky. Four days later, the American media published allegations. then transcribed excerpts from tape-recordings, claiming Ms Lewinsky had had an affair with the President. Twice in the next week. Mr Clinton used TV to tell America that there

had been no sexual relationship. Today, Mr Clinton must face the same grand jury - 23 randomly selected individuals, of whom most are reported to be women and black - that has already heard evidence from his staff and Monica Lewinsky. The most obviously safe option, perdia, has been feverishly antic-sonally and for his presidency. would be for him to stick to his for the best part of a month. earlier denials of a sexual re-

> was true, and/or if there is no evidence to contradict it. All the twisting and turning from White House "sources" in recent days suggests this option is closed. A denial before a federal grand jury that was subsequently proved to be false would put Mr Clinton on a direct route to impeachment.

This leaves him with having to decide how much to admit, and how. A dramatic outpouring of guilt and repentance appears to have been rejected. However kindly disposed the American public might be to a penitent President, a confession would leave Mr Clinton open to a charge of perjury relating to his testimony in the Paula Jones case. Opinions differ as to whether that would be serious enough to warrant impeachment proceedings.

The favoured option seems to be a middle way steered between admitting some form of relationship and denying percent of Americans now tell poll- jury. This might let him off some legal hooks, but the political - and private - difficulties would remain.

How would American public opinion receive such a partial vised: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms Ann Lewis, the White House the first allegations broke, and might find legalistic definitions of what constitutes sexual relations more off-putting than a direct confession.

Hillary Clinton could also be embarrassed because she Mr Clinton's difficulties in the said in January that "it would January to lawyers in the sex- had an adulterous affair in the White House, and lied about it.

This is why, despite the American public's professed distaste for the Lewinsky saga. the affair known as "Zippergate" cannot be laughed off. Those who draw judicial comparisons with Watergate and political parallels with Vietnam are not exaggerating.

What Mr Clinton says today, and how America reacts tomorrow, will determine his own, and the country's future.



Clutching a bible, President Clinton arrives for church in Washington yesterday with his wife Hillary

Longest day of the President's life

SHORTLY BEFORE 1pm today, Bill Clinton will walk across to the White House map room. Allied troops encircling Berlin in April 1945. This is where President Franklin Roosevelt would check the progress of the Second World War, it is where the US President will give his testimony.

The President will be joined by three legal advisers: his private lawyers, David Kendall Leading article, page 3 and Nicole Seligman, and his

BY ANDREW MARSHALL

On the wall, a map shows White House counsel, Charles Ruff. Along with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, they have formed his inner circle in the past few weeks. Lawyers are not normally allowed in the room during grand jury probes, but an exception has

been made in this case. On the other side of the room will be Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, and

some of his staff. They will probably include Jackie Bennett, his chief deputy in Washington, and Robert Bittman, day-to-day manager of the Lewinsky investigation. Mr Starr will probably leave the

questioning to his aides. Mr Starr's team will ask questions for between three to four hours. They have said that this will be the only session with the President, so everything must be cleared up in one afternoon.

The questions and answers will be recorded by a video camera, and sent down a fibreoptic cable. This will be scrambled, of course, so that no one can intercept them on their way to the grand jury room, a few blocks away at the Prettyman court house. The jury will not be allowed to ask questions as they have been in pre-

vious testimony The timing may well over-run. It is unlikely to be much before six o'clock that the

decide whether or not to to, then prime time - between Johnson and Clinton. 7pm and 8pm - would be posmidnight in London, the President may appear before the cameras to explain what he has always promised he would.

President returns to his own

office. It is then that he must

He would probably not speak for more than 10 minutes, if the decision to appear

Tawdry history of sex in the White House

BY MARCUS TANNER

WHEN IT comes to sexual indiscretions, Bill Clinton may have scored higher than most presidents, but his conduct has differed only in degree from that of most of his White House predecessors.

A selection of American presidents surveyed in the Washington Times newspaper shows all of them merited a black spot on a scoreboard of sex crimes that range from the use of prostitutes and fornication (defined as sex with an unmarried woman) through to much more heinous misdeeds. such as group sex or being linked to the "unusual" death of

The republic's founding father, George Washington, receives only one black mark for the crime, mild by the lax standards of the eighteenth century, of adultery. Thomas Jefferson, a relative libertine, on the other hand, was awarded four, for mistresses, 'fornication', 'adultery' (sex with a married women) and fathering illegitimate children.

America's presidents in the nineteenth century were, by and large an obscure group of men, who seem to have made up for low profiles by indulging in pecadillos. Grover Cleveland - not a name much bandied about now - earns four black marks, for mistress. prostitutes, fornication and illegitimate children. Though not on the straight and narrow. the presidents of the last century were, it seems, straight: James Buchanan was the sole American president in the entire list to stray into the column denoting homosexual affairs.

The private lives of US leaders in both centuries pale into insignificance compared to those of our own era. After the prim and dreary milk-and cookie years of Roosevelt and Eisenaddress the nation. If he wants marks rockets under Kennedy.

Clinton gets seven marks sible. So some time around for, among others, having a mistress, using prostitutes, for-Staff, group sex ... narrowly beating Johnson who did not, as far as the newspaper knows, have group sex. But even Clinton and Johnson fall short of JFK's awesome tally.

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The trials of a Southern state still haunted by its racist past

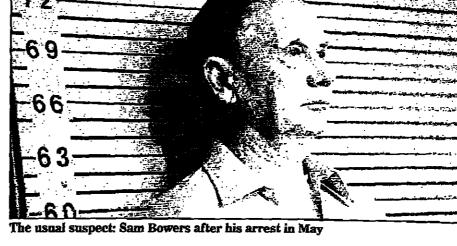
By ANDREW MARSHALL in Hattiesburg

THE CEILING fans are turning slowly in the Forrest County Court House, stirring the dustladen air with its scent of old documents and floor polish. It seems a tranquil place. Yet this room, in the centre of the old Mississippi town of Hattiesburg, has witnessed pitched battles in the war between the state's white supremacists and black citizens who simply wanted their rights.

Today one of the last chapters in that war will unfold when the trial of a white-haired, grandfatherly old man opens in Hattiesburg.

Sam Bowers is accused of murdering Vernon Dahmer, a Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. family were able to escape, but important to go through the civil rights worker, in 1966. He has been in this court before, charged with the same crime. But no jury would convict him - not in a courtroom that flies the Mississippi state flag with its Confederate cross in one corner; not here, where the memorial to the Confederate dead stands proudly outside on Main Street, just down the road from the Masonic Temple and

the Methodist church. This time it may be different. Mississippi has changed a lot in 30 years. The jury will be selected today, and it is unlikely to be an all-white body, as it has been before. Nor will he face a judge who, like those who have sat in judgement in the past, is essentially in sympathy with a man who was once the imperial Grand Wizard of the White



But there are still some people in town who do not see why the case should be exhumed, who called the local paper, the Hattiesburg American, after it ran a special report and asked why it had bothered.

It bothered because Vernon Dahmer wanted nothing more than to help black people to vote. For that crime, he was hated by white supremacists. He always suspected they would come to get him, especially after his friend Medgar Evers, who also worked for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was killed.

One night, they came for Mr Dahmer, fired at his home at Kelly Settlement and threw Molotov cockiails into the

he died in hospital the next day. Sam Bowers was arrested

for the murder, along with others; but four separate juries could not decide on his guilt Four other Klansmen were tried and convicted, but the Imperial Wizard himself was not. The case was buried for nearly three decades, only to be reactivated when a new District Attorney was elected.

In the District Attorney's office next door to the courthouse, Bob Elfrich, the assistant DA, sits in an office all but submerged in documents: faxes, scribbles on scraps of caper and neat summaries on yellow legal pads line every sur-

Mr Elfrich pulls intermittently on a Camel Light as he You just don't get away with outlines the reasons why it is murder." Of course, "there are

case all over again.

"My Dad died when I was 12 years old," he says. "I think of him almost daily, when I'm driving in my car, or whatever. I can't imagine the things that are going through the minds of the Dahmer family. They saw their father, with the skin burnt off him."

Beyond any personal feelings, this is part of cleansing the name of a state which for decades was synonymous with racism, savagery, injustice. "The Klan is what gave Mississippi the bad reputation. But they do not represent Mississippi then, or now. They are a small number of people." But he says, "It's a side of Mississippi that has to be resolved.

ite a number of people that don't want it opened up. But it needs to be done." He falls silent again, and taps the ash off his cigarette.

Sam Bowers was, is, a very bright man, different from many who wore the hoods and carried the burning crosses. "The typical Mississippi redneck doesn't have sense enough to know what he is doing," he once told a supporter. "I have to use him for my own cause and direct his every action to fit my plan." His group was one of the most violent in the country. It was not just a racist group: it was a well-organised terrorist gang.

There is new evidence against him: one new witness who was there, and another who has recently appeared on

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the scene. Two other men were arrested with Mr Bowers: Charles Noble, 55, and Deavours Nix, 72. who is fighting lung cancer. "As ironic as this sounds, he was complaining because he has lung cancer and the radiology burned his lungs up." said state Attorney General Mike Moore. "Guess what? That's exactly how Mr Dahmer died." If convicted, each faces life - which means 10 years. For Mr Bow-

ers, 73, that will be life. Some in the civil rights community are sceptical, however. saying that whatever they may think of Mr Bowers, he may not get a fair trial. Besides, they say, what about the crimes that continue, and which the law enforcement agencies do not



Foreigners flee Congo mayhem

FOREIGNERS WORKING in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, were fleeing yesterday as a rebel army advanced from the

The United States closed its embassy at the weekend and flew its remaining staff out of the country. France said it did not plan to close its diplomatic mission, but has been arranging evacuations for French and other foreign citizens.

A French government aircraft carrying 187 people flee-ing the fighting arrived in Paris yesterday. Another 180 Belgians also flew out of Kinshasa. Some 350 Lebanese most of them women and children, arrived at Beirut airport. About a hundred other foreigners flew to South Africa. An unknown number of foreign nationals crossed the Congo David Guttenfelder River by ferry to Brazzaville.

capital of the neighbouring Congo Republic.

The government of President Laurent Kabila announced that it was securing bases in the east of the former Zaire to attack the rebel forces, apparently composed of ethnic Tutsis backed by the Tutsi-led state of Rwanda.

The President himself, however, has almost certainly joined the exodus from the capital. The latest reports said be was now in the southern city of Lubumbashi, a stronghold from his own days as a rebel leader before he overthrew President Mobutu Sese Seko in May last year.

Rebel leaders at a rally of 4,000 supporters in the eastern town of Bukavu at the weekend declared they were heading in the former Belgian possestowards Kinshasa, "Kabila

should quit power or we will capture him alive." one of the rebel commanders was quoted as saying. The rebels said their forces were now only 95 miles east of Kinshasa.

Foreigners fleeing the capital dismissed government claims of repelling the rebels' advance. "Kabila's forces are very nervous," Arnold Roeder, German, said at a South African air base at Pretoria. "It looks like the rebels have a great chance to take over

Kinshasa. Kabila's forces look The rebel advance has created a climate of hysterical suspicion in Kinshasa, aggravated by newspaper and radio reports accusing France and the US of engaging in a sinis-ter plot to destabilise the country and reimpose colonial rule

at the weekend waved anti-American placards and some vented their fury by attacking foreigners in the streets.

The uprising in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo is linked to the genocide perpetrated against neighbouring Rwanda's Tutsi minority by the Hutus in 1994. The slaughter brought a Tutsi-led government to power in Rwanda, which has proved militantly determined to strike at its Hutu enemies both in and outside the country:

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Mr Kabila was brought to power in Kinshasa with Tutsi support, from Rwanda and from Tutsis in the east of Congo. A year on he has grievously disappointed his former backers, partly through his

Serbs crush separatists' last bastion

SERB FORCES overran the last By ISMET HAJDARI stronghold of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) at Junik yesterday, in what appeared to be the culmination of a military offensive launched last month against ethnic Albanian separatists.

Junik, near the border with Albania, was the organisational, logistical and weapons distribution centre for the KLA, which is fighting for independence from Serbia.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug announced the fall of Junik, 50 miles west of the re-



gional capital Pristina, after almost two weeks under siege. The report said KLA fighters tried to escape to Albania but were blocked by Serb army border guards and had "dispersed" into mountain forests.

Serbian reporters who got into Junik said up to 1,000 Kosovo fighters were believed to have been based there, with several hundred civilians. The village was allegedly deserted but not seriously damaged.

On the main road linking the towns of Pec and Decani, near Junik, a huge column of Yugoslav army tanks could be

Women praying for peace at a church service in Kinshasa yesterday

seen with triumphant soldiers sitting on top of their vehicles, giving the Serbs' traditional three-fingered salute.

For several weeks, govern ment forces have been driving the KLA from one stronghold after another. Their gains, how ever, have proved difficult to maintain. Once the Serbs move out, the Albanian fighters sometimes still in uniforms with KLA emblems, tend to move quickly back in.

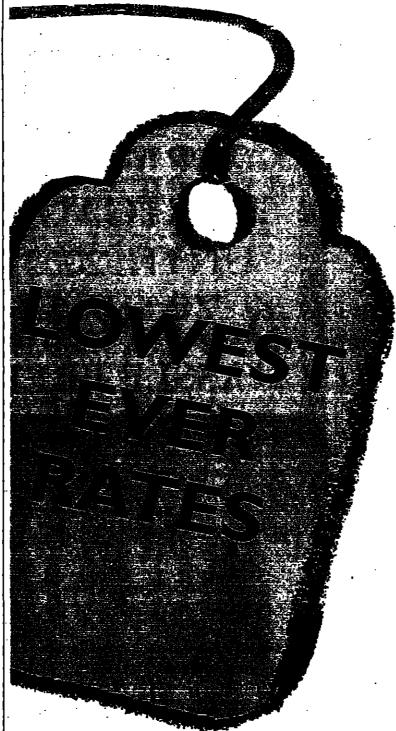
Albanian sources in Pristina said that in spite of the recent feats, the KLA would re group, reorganise and continue the armed struggle against President Slobodan Milosevic's government in Beigrade. Kosovo's borders with Macedonia and Albania are lightly patrolled and weapons filter in from both countries.

The pro-Albanian Kosovo Information Centre claimed that fighting was continuing yesterday in Logja and heavy artillery had destroyed part of the village. Government forces were said to have attacked with tanks and belicopters.

"It's all a very alarming picture." said Kris Janowskia, a spokesman for the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees. He said they were concerned about reports of a Serb attack on woods around Decani, where about 20,000 displaced Kosovo Albanians were believed to be camped.

The latest Serb offensive quashed hopeful speculation that Western-mediated peace talks between Belgrade and Kosovo Albanian parties might begin this week.

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Swedes hunt for monster in lake

A TEAM of hunters began a search of Sweden's Great Lake in Stockholm yesterday for a creature said to have inhabited it for at least 360

Fifteen vessels carrying researchers and six divers set off from Ostersund, in Jamtland County, central Sweden, equipped with an underwater video camera and echo equipment, hoping to solve the centuries-old mystery. The town of Ostersund, 370

miles north-west of Stockholm on the banks of Sweden's fifthlargest lake, has been puzzled by reported sightings of a horse-like, or snake-like, creature in the Great Lake. The sightings, resembling those of the Loch Ness monster, have been reported on 150 occasions by 450 people. They

started in 1635 when a local clergyman mentioned the creature in a parish register. The frequency of sightings rose throughout the 19th century, in 1894 a group from Ostersund set up the "Company to Capture the Great Lake Monster" to trap the animal, using as bait pigs and live

calves. King Oscar II, known for his interest in scientific phenomena, became involved and contributed funds. There are no records of success, however.

The project spokesman, Anders Brattgra, said this year's effort was by far the largest and involves a British specialist, Adrian Shine, who has hunted the Loch Ness monster for at least 20 years.

Little is known about the Great Lake of Sweden, which is very large and very deep. Often locals discover rare fish of up to three feet or more in length. "If we have no luck this year we will organise another search, an even bigger one, next year," Mr Brattgra said.

Some reports have suggest ed a large eel, about 10 feet long and three feet wide, while others report a large snake of up to 46 feet with a small, dog-like head. In 1986, the county administration of Jamtland declared anyone trying to capture, injure or kill the monster could be prosecuted.

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Victims go home to grieve

By MARY BRAID in Githima

DAWN WAS breaking as Noah Kimani arrived, flanked by his brothers, to collect his wife Jeri and take her home. Nairobi's Chiromo Mortuary, heavy with the stench of death, was already crowded with the bereaved, all waiting for bodies. The funerals for the 257 victims of Nairobi's terrorist bomb have just begun.

The Kimani men put on a brave face for the sake of Noah's little girls. Outside with their aunts, Sheila, eight, and Lynn, four, looked bewildered in new, white, frilly dresses

Sheila had been "prepared" by a church counsellor to accept her mother's death. She was finally told Jeri had gone to heaven on Wednesday, five days after the bomb, meant for the US embassy, ripped through Ufundi House, a neighbouring four-storey office block. Among the victims were Jeri and 12 colleagues from an insurance company based on the top floor.

Sheila's moods have swung ever since. She cried until her aunts and uncles were beside themselves. Yesterday she was smiling shyly at the muzungu (white person).
As a masked mortuary at-

tendant, plastic apron slapping against black wellington boots. allocated the smashed and burned bodies to their coffins, one of Mr Kimani's brothers said: "Yesterday, Lynn she asked, Where is mummy?""

Telling the elderly was as hard as telling the young. Jeri's father, seriously ill in a Nairobi hospital, was devastated by the death of the daughter who

visited him every day.

As the rich loaded coffins into fimeral cars vesterday and the poor made do with borrowed pick-ups and even roof racks, it seemed as if no Kenyan considered Nairobi home. Jeri, like everyone else. was going "up country", back to her people and her rural roots.

It took two-and-half hours along Kenya's cratered roads for Jeri to reach Githima, a muddy, ramshackle town northeast of Nairobi, where barefoot women barter vegetables for clothes and a car still means almost unimaginable wealth.

To the villagers, Jeri, 30, and Noah, 32, and the Nairobi friends who followed the funeral procession, are rich people.



Bomb casualty Phaedza Vrontomitis, who worked at the US Embassy, is buried in a cemetery near Nairobi

But in Kenya, poverty is always the wolf at the door. In the mortuary car park, some vehicles arrived with furniture tied to their roofs. "With the breadwinner gone these are the people who cannot afford to stay in Nairobi," one driver said. They, like the dead and the

furniture, must go home." Jeri, a secretary, was also a breadwinner. Noah, from a poorer background, has no regular job. Jeri's salary allowed him to send something back to Githima. Financially, Jeri's death will hit a vast extended family, "We'll struggle now," said Noah, a round-faced, gentle man. "But I will try to keep the girls with me in Nairobi.'

The peasants of Githima may overestimate the wealth of those who moved to Nairobi but when the prodigals return the villagers turn out in force. "They feel sorry for us," one

of Jeri's Nairobi friends said. They say we only come back with bodies." As the wheels of smart cars spun in thick mud on the track to Noah's parents' plot, almost 1,000 villagers made their way on foot across the hill that separates the

Kimanis from Githima. On a steep incline on the

bours dug the grave and shoutother side they came together, like a scene from the Old Tesed out advice to Noah not to retament. Women in tattered marry too soon. skirts and men in threadbare

rounding the Kimani home to hear clergy preach in the Kikuvu tongue that no one knew God's purpose and a Christian's duty is to accept His will. In the middle of the crowd was Jeri's coffin, decked with carnations and her picture in a

suits lined grassy terraces sur-

frame. Eight years ago she stood here and married Noah. Death, like marriage, was a community affair. Friends and family had clubbed together to meet the funeral bill. Neigh-

ways ..." she trailed off. When it was time for Jeri's coffin to be lowered into the rich, red soil at the bottom of the family compound, the sound of her sisters crying drifted back for Islamic extremists.

Anthony Niuguno/Reuters up the hill. Inside her grandmother's house Sheila became

hysterical "I want Mummy," Then the singing began, so she screamed. impossibly sweet it broke the In a bare, dark bedroom Noah sat, drawing on a cigaheart. A thousand Kenyan peasants, buoyed by faith in rette. "It is the children," he said, as if he had to excuse the break God's greater purpose. Noah cried. Lynn, sitting on his knee, in composure. "It was a bad dabbed his eyes. "I hope he can thing the bombers did to us." manage the girls," said Jeri's ■Tirana— The United States sister Helen. "He loves them so

began evacuating non-emermuch but a mother's love is algency staff from Albania yesterday after temporarily closing its embassy in response to the twin bombings in Africa. The State Department said it feared the embassy might be a target

TANK BURNEYES

Fears for Fossett as balloon loses contact with base

MILLIONAIRE balloonist Steve Fossett lost contact with his control centre while over the South Pacific last night, amid fears that he might have gone down in the water.

Fossett was in the 10th day of his attempt to be the first to fly around the world non-stop in a balloon. His last reported position was 500 miles northwest of New Caledonia and about the same distance from the Australian coast. .

At the weekend, the Chicago financier broke his own earlier record for distance travelled in a balloon when he reached the halfway point in his circumnavigation attempt.

As the 54-year-old millionaire flew over the small beach town of Geraldton, Australia, he was seen poking his head over the gondola to view the last continent he will cross before heading across the Pacific Ocean towards South America.

Fossett then told mission control in St Louis it was going well. "I was very worried over the Indian Ocean, that I would be caught and captured by the high-pressure area and never be able to get out of it," he said.

His ground crew burst into applause on learning he had travelled 10,480 linear miles. breaking his own record of 10,360 miles set in January 1997. This is his fourth attempt to circumnavigate the word.

A balloon has no way to propel itself or steer, and moves by climbing or descending into winds going in the desired direction. That makes the meteorologists on the crew vital to the flight's success.

Fossett has communicated with his crew by e-mail, using a computer that transmits to a satellite, getting immediate reBY JASON STRAIT in St Louis

ports on how to avoid winds that could blow him off course.

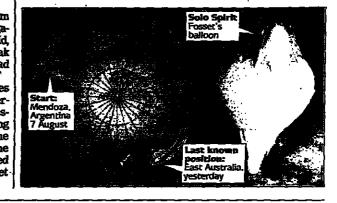
Earlier, Alan Blount, director of mission control at Washington University in St Louis, said although the trip was going well there was concern Fossett might run out of oxygen before making it to South America. from where he took off eight days ago. However, it was thought the balloonist would have enough to finish the quest. which was expected to take at least six more days.



Fossett: Fourth attempt

To circle the globe officially. Fossett must land anywhere east of Mendoza, Argentina, from where he lifted off on 7 August. He has some way to go before he breaks the record for the longest-lasting balloon flight. That record, of nine days, 17 hours and 55 minutes, was set in January by a Swiss pilot, Rettrand Piccard, He was forced to shandon his round the world attempt when China refused to let him cross its airspace.

Fossett had said that if he was successful, he would donate half his \$1m prize to Washington University.



Journey ends at scrapyard for 80,000 Ambassadors

CITY LIFE

NEW DELHI no longer has stop lights. Busy intersections have "relax lights" instead, where each red light is painted over with the word "relax".

When ordered outright to stop, obstinate Delhi drivers used to carry on honking and jockeying for position. Most taxi drivers would just shut off their engines in an attempt to save fuel at the lights.

But in spite of the laid-back traffic instructions, cab drivers in the Indian capital feel anxious. A government anti-pollution campaign will soon banish all commercial vehicles older than 15 years and that will hit Delhi's fleet of Hindustan Ambassador taxis hard. More than 80,000 are destined for the scrapheap.

Most cabs look far older than they are because the Hindustan Ambassador comes off the assembly line with a chassis virtually identical to a 1954 Morris Oxford II. The seats are like your gran's sofa. On many, the springs have sprung be-cause the driver sleeps in the back. With snubbed snouts and high suspension, Ambassador sedans are usually painted cream or in the taxi livery of yellow-topped black. They are as ubiquitous on Delhi's streets as the humped holy cow and share similar rounded lines.

Cab driver Man Singh, 27, says: "My Ambassador is more like a water buffalo. It is very strong. No matter how many passengers, or what the weather conditions, it still gets you there. I just give it fuel and water. Rough roads, potholes no problem. Diesel engines don't stall in the monsoon. We are superior to other cars."

Mercedes Benzes, Opel Astras, Ford Escorts, Daewoo Cielos and zippy Maruti Suzukis have integrated into Delhi's traffic snarl of three million vehicles over the past few years, but the Ambasadors keep ambling along at In solidarity, most cabs and



A police officer checks the smoky exhaust of an elderly Indian taxi Bikus Das/AP

a stately pace rarely more than 60 kilometres per hour. They are not known for manoeuvrability, but for endurance. Other cars defer to them at roundabouts, and not only because of their advanced age. A mere knock against an Ambassador invariably crum-

Balvinder Singh, 69, has driven a Delhi cab for 50 years not the same cab, but three successive Ambassadors. "Mechanically they are sound autos. Very reliable," he says, fondly patting the fender. "The Prime Minister rides in a bullet-proof one."

Besides decrepit Ambassador taxis, including some that have been roadworthy since the 1960s, the government ban will affect 4,000 fume-belching buses and virtually all of the old Harley-Davidson diesel tricycles which haul eight passengers at a time. These historic contraptions, dating from the Second World War, are called Phutphutiya - after the putt putt sound of their engines.

Mr Singh rolls his eyes. "Phutphutiya are not in our league," he confides. "They are for fresh air fiends, not select customers. But their drivers also need to earn a living."

rickshaws stayed off the roads last Thursday to demand government subsidised loans for replacing engines in all elderly vehicles and to plead for an extension of the deadline.

Hailing taxis in Delhi is not customary, because they rarely stop. Most are dispatched from neighbourhood stands, where regular customers can phone in and a mechanic is available on-site. "We are ready to work 24 hours a day," says Harpreet Singh, 23, who was recently promoted from car cleaner to full-fledged taxi-wallah after a year learning the by-lanes of Delhi by riding with his cousin. "It only takes me five minutes to tie my turban after I get a call, then I am off."

A dozen drivers camp out full-time alongside Man Singh and Balvinder Singh near Lodhi Gardens, sometimes sleeping rough on rope charpoy beds, or else across the comfy back seat of their Amhassador taxis. The dashboards frequently get transformed into makeshift shrines. (This accounts for an odd, lived-in odour - a mix of sweat. mildew and incense. Man Singh wrinkled his nose at the "Sikh-ly smell" in a 1974 Ambassador, which runs so er-

ratically that it's become the

venue for card games during thunder showers.)

All the drivers must wash at a hand pump in the open air. Ever since the Municipal Corporation took away their tents because officials complained that the taxi stand detracted from the Mughal tombs nearby, life has become harder. In off-season, between April and September, some drivers go back to wives and sweethearts in the villages of Punjab. But most earn as much as they can in the capital.

Harpreet Singh polishes his Ambassador cab with pride. He swears it is his vehicle of choice. "We prefer to drive Ambassadors. In case of acciare protected. Its steel is strong. Spare parts are found everywhere. And no matter how much luggage we have, it always fits. We can squeeze up to nine people inside."

Regular customers can be particular about which cab they use - not so much the driver, but the licence plate. "Numerology buffs won't take a taxi if the digits add up to 13. They request their lucky numbers." says Man Singh. "But we drivers are not superstitious. The only numbers I care about are

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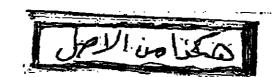
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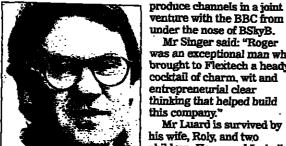
BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Flextech chief executive dies

ROGER LUARD (below), chief executive of Flextech, the evision group, died last weekend, it was announced sterday. Mr Luard, who was 49, had been at home on sick leave since May after he was affected by a rare neurological virus. In his absence, Flextech's chairman, Adam Singer, and managing director, Brent Harman, have been running the company

In the space of 12 years, Mr Luard transformed Flextech from a small oil services company into the leading supplier. of channels for the UK cable and satellite television market. His major coup came in 1997, when he snatched a deal to produce channels in a joint



under the nose of BSkyB. Mr Singer said: "Roger was an exceptional man who brought to Flextech a heady cocktail of charm, wit and entrepreneurial clear thinking that helped build this company."

Mr Luard is survived by his wife, Roly, and two children, Harry and Isabella

Comura leads race for Thistle

NOMURA, the acquisitive Japanese bank, is the frontrunner in the race to buy the Thistle Hotel Group, in a deal worth up to £1.5bn. The finance house is believed to be in exclusive negotiations with Brierley investments, the chain's major shareholder. Nomura is thought to have pulled ahead of a shortlist of five preferred bidders, which also includes venture capital group Blackstone and French hotel operator Accor.

Thistle, which owns 91 hotels around the country, has strong presence in London, where it owns 24 hotels, including the Tower Thistle at Tower Bridge and the Mount Royal at Marble Arch.

First woman on KPMG board

RUTH ANDERSON yesterday became the first woman to be appointed to the board of the accounting firm KPMG in its 131-year history. Ms Anderson has been promoted to the post of partner and will play a part in shaping KPMG's

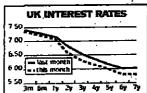
The 44-year-old, who has worked with KPMG for 21 years and headed the group's tax practice in the Southeast, said her success was partly owed to being in the 'right place at the right time."

She is among six new partners to be promoted to the 18member board, which is the youngest in KPMG's history, with an average age of 47.

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MPs want biotech watchdog

BRITAIN'S embattled biotechnology companies should have their own independent watchdog with sweeping powers to regulate the industry, a leading parliamentary committee has

The regulator's main task would be to vet public statements made by companies on the progress of their drugs' clinical trials to make sure they are not misleading. The move is designed to restore confidence in biotechnology companies in the financial community following the British Biotech scandal.

In their long-awaited report on the affair, due to be published

By Francesco Guerrera

today, the Science and Technology Select Committee will also call for a code requiring pharmaceutical companies to appoint at least one non-execexperience to the board.

The all-party group of MPs is set to argue that the measures are needed to avoid a repeat of the scandal engulfing British Biotech, the UK's largest biotechnology group.

For the past five months, the troubled company has been riven by a bitter feud between its outgoing chief executive Dr

head of clinical trials, Dr hindering many companies' Andrew Millar

Dr Millar has alleged that the board of British Biotech, led by Dr McCullagh, issued overoptimistic press statements on two of the company's star drugs. The company has repeatedly refuted the allega-tions and has accused Dr Millar

of lifting the secrecy on some of the drugs' trials. Dr Millar was sacked in April after airing his concerns to one institutional shareholder.

The scandal has undermined investors' confidence in the whole sector, leading to a sharp fall in the prices of

ability to raise cash on the stock market. Biotechnology companies need external funds to pay for development costs because their balance sheets tend to remain in the red until a drug is successfully launched

on to themarket.

After a three-month inquiry into the implications for the industry, the MPs concluded that the appointment of an independent regulator and directors with scientific knowledge were crucial to restore investors' confidence, and help fledgling companies to raise research cash.

They will call for the rapid

the industry. Sources close to the committee said yesterday that the MPs believed that the events at British Biotech were partly the result of a lax regulatory regime.

"They (the MPs) don't think that the regulatory system is adequate at the moment. There is clearly a need for a tighter framework," the sources said. They added that a regulator could help ease the "tension

between the companies' need

to keep investors informed and

the urge to issue optimistic statements on their products". The appointment to the

implementation of measures to board of at least one non-execprevent any lasting damage to utive director with pharmaceutical experience would also contribute to solve the problem. The idea was first mooted by Peter Lewis, British Biotech's former head of research, in evidence to the committee. The committee accepted the idea because, said the sources, "the MPs have some reservations on the knowledge base of nonexecutive directors. Boards

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is scientifically proficient." The report will also criticise the British Biotech's board for their handling of the affair, while Dr Millar is said to emerge largely unscathed.

need to count on someone who

Pay deals stay high as growth tails off

PAY AWARDS are showing few By PETER THAL LARSEN signs of slowing down in spite of growing signs that higher interest rates and the strong economic growth.

Two comprehensive surveys awards are still in the 3-4.5 per cent bracket. The data is likely England's Monetary Policy Committee may be tempted to rates, is causing a recession. raise interest rates when it

Both studies - by the Confederation of British Industry and Incomes Data Services, the consultancy - point to a powerful two-way pull on pay settlements. While slowing economic growth is prompting employers to temper their awards, they are also under pressure to make sure earnings keep up with rising living costs. Further evidence of slowing

economic growth is likely to emerge this week with figures credit insurance group, showing that in the three months to The CBI study shows that in that the economy is slipping figures on Thursday.

the three months to July, manufacturing pay settlements pound are putting the brakes on edged up slightly to an average of 3.7 per cent, compared to 3.6 per cent in the three months to of recent pay deals, due out April and 3.1 per cent in the today show that average pay same period last year. This rise is in spite of repeated complaints from manufacturers to raise fears that the Bank of that the strength of sterling, brought on by higher interest

Pay deals in the services industry are also on the rise. The CBI found the average pay award rising to 4.5 per cent in the period to July, up from 4.1 per cent in April. Companies said cost of living increases and the need to keep staff were behind the rise. Meanwhile, IDS found that

pay awards were clustered in the 3-4.5 per cent range in the Spring and Summer. A typical example was Boots the Chemists, where staff received an average 3.75 per cent pay rising inflation and slowing June more orders were can- growth are affecting pay rates. The figures will raise fears

into a period of "stagflation" which combines rising inflation with slowing growth. They may provide further ammunition for the Bank to keep interest rates high. When the MPC raised rates in June, it argued that earnings growth was incompatible with its long-term inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

At the time, the Bank suggested that earnings growth would have to fall below 4.5 per cent in order to be sustainable. The most recent official figures showed headline earnings growth falling to 5 per cent in May from 5.4 per cent in the previous month

The CBI says 43 per cent of the respondents cited an inability to raise prices as providing a drag on pay settlements. However, 41 per cent said the rising cost of living was keeping pay deals high. The figures come at the

beginning of a key week for UK economic statistics. On Tuesday, the Retail Prices Index figthe conflicting pressures of Those statistics are followed by retail sales data for July on Wednesday and second quarter Gross Domestic Product



The average 3.75 per cent pay rise at Boots the Chemists was typical of recent deals

Telewest brings in Pepsi man to lift cable appeal

is set to appoint an executive from PepsiCo, the US drinks and food group, as its new chief

Tony Illsley, who is currently president of Walkers Snack Foods, should be confirmed in the post early next month. Mr Illsley, in his early 40s, has been running Walkers in the UK for the past three years. His appointment follows an

extensive search by Telewest following the departure of former chief executive Stephen Davidson in April.

appoint a British executive with marketing experience to raise the company's appeal.

Snowdon Mountain Railway?

Step forward Kevin Leech,

a 55-year-old professional investor, who has just been

approached by the National

Trust to see how the two will get

on as neighbours, now that the

Trust is set to buy the peak of

When Mr Leech bought the

railway three weeks ago, he had

had agreed with the vendor's

Snowdon for over £3 million.

The Trust was given 100 days

to raise the money. The appeal

got off to a roaring start when Sir Anthony Hopkins, the

Weish-born actor of "Hannibal

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Telewest had been looking to

TELEWEST, the cable operator, By PETER THAL LARSEN

He will be joining Telewest just as the cable sector is coming back into vogue after a lengthy slump.

ators have risen sharply on the back of rapid consolidation in the industry and growing optimism about their ability to combine television, telephone and high-speed Internet access services. Telewest shares have more than doubled in the past few months alone and the com-

FTSE 100 index.

of General Cable, the rival

Shares in all the cable oper-

pany is now poised to join the

Nevertheless, Mr Illsley will still have a lot to do. His first job will be oversee the integration

operator which Telewest bought earlier this year.

The company is also still struggling to dispel its public image of shoddy customer service. Recent results showed that Telewest's market penetration in both telephony and television is almost static while churn rates remain high.

While Mr Illsley should bring much-need marketing acumen to Telewest, his lack of industry experience may prove a problem. His appointment may he short term. Analysts believe that further

consolidation could leave the UK with just one cable operator instead of the current three.

Smaller DIY stores 'will join forces to survive'

THE DO-ITYOURSELF retail BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA market is set to enter a period of consolidation, with the smaller players expected to join forces to survive the impending economic slowdown, according to an influential report out today.

Verdict, the retail research group, argues that that the latest bout of consolidation in the sector could lead to a threeway merger between Do It All (the troubled chain put up for sale by Boots), Great Mills (controlled by building materiais group RMC), and Focus.

Verdict says that as consumer spending slows down, these three small players will need to link up to compete

with market leaders B&Q.

owned by Kingfisher, and Sainsbury's Homebase. "There are too many stores for the market. If consolidation does not happen, the weaker players will fall by the wayside," said Verdict chairman Richard

A merged entity encompassing Do It All, Great Mills and Focus would have a 7.5 per cent market share and sales of #745m. overtaking Wickes as the third largest DIY chain.

The report shows that the DIY sales remained buoyant last year posting an increase of 10.4 per cent to £11.7bn - the

strongest rise of the 1990s. Verdict warns that growth in 1998 will fall to under 5 per cent due to the economic slowdown, but sales will still remain at "respectable" levels.

In spite of strong sales growth, the number of superstores continues to fall as chains move to larger shops such as B&O's Warehouses. "We do not expect superstore numbers to see much growth. What is happening is a qualitative change in favour of larger stores with wider offer of complementary merchandise. Verdict says.

The DIY sector is pretty robust and will remain so, said Mr Hyman.

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no idea that Richard Williams, whose family had farmed a the managing director of the Snowdon Mountain Railway is third of Snowdon for 14 generations, wanted to sell a 4.000also called Anthony Hopkins. acre area of the mountain, Obviously it is a popular name in Wales. Perhaps that's why Then a week ago the the railway man prefers to be

National Trust announced it addressed as "Tony" Hopkins. Mr Leach's railway, the only agents, Carter Jonas, to buy rack-and-pinion railway in the UK, runs from Llanberis in north Wales, 343ft above sea level, to the summit station on Snowdon, 3,493ft above sea railway station in the UK.

level, which is also the highest In another coincidence, Mr Leach learnt mountaineering on Snowdon in his youth, and he 2000 bug.

became an instructor there at

said: "Although it is too early to discuss details, I intend to upgrade the existing facilities, but anything I do will be in keeping with the beauty and drama of the site. "I believe that what I have

done at Land's End and my plans for John O'Groats will be a reassurance to anyone concerned about the railway whatever their point of interest, either economic or environmental - that I shall be a sensitive caretaker of this national institution."

Now it seems that the Trust and the entrepreneur are warming to each other. Peter Broomhead, director of the National Trust in Wales, has been in touch with Mr Leach to MISYS, which develops and talk about how they are going to get on as "new neighbours".

"MILLENIUM BUG to Fire Bug" is the catchy title of an upcoming one-day conference arranged by Post Magazine on the threat of arson posed by the

The insurance weekly's conference on 12 October will discuss the fear that "many businesses will fail to tackle the millenium bug adequately and will see torching their business and submitting an insur-

ance claim as a soft option," It's not quite as far fetched as it sounds. According to the Arson Prevention Bureau, over 240 fires are started deliberately in the UK each day.

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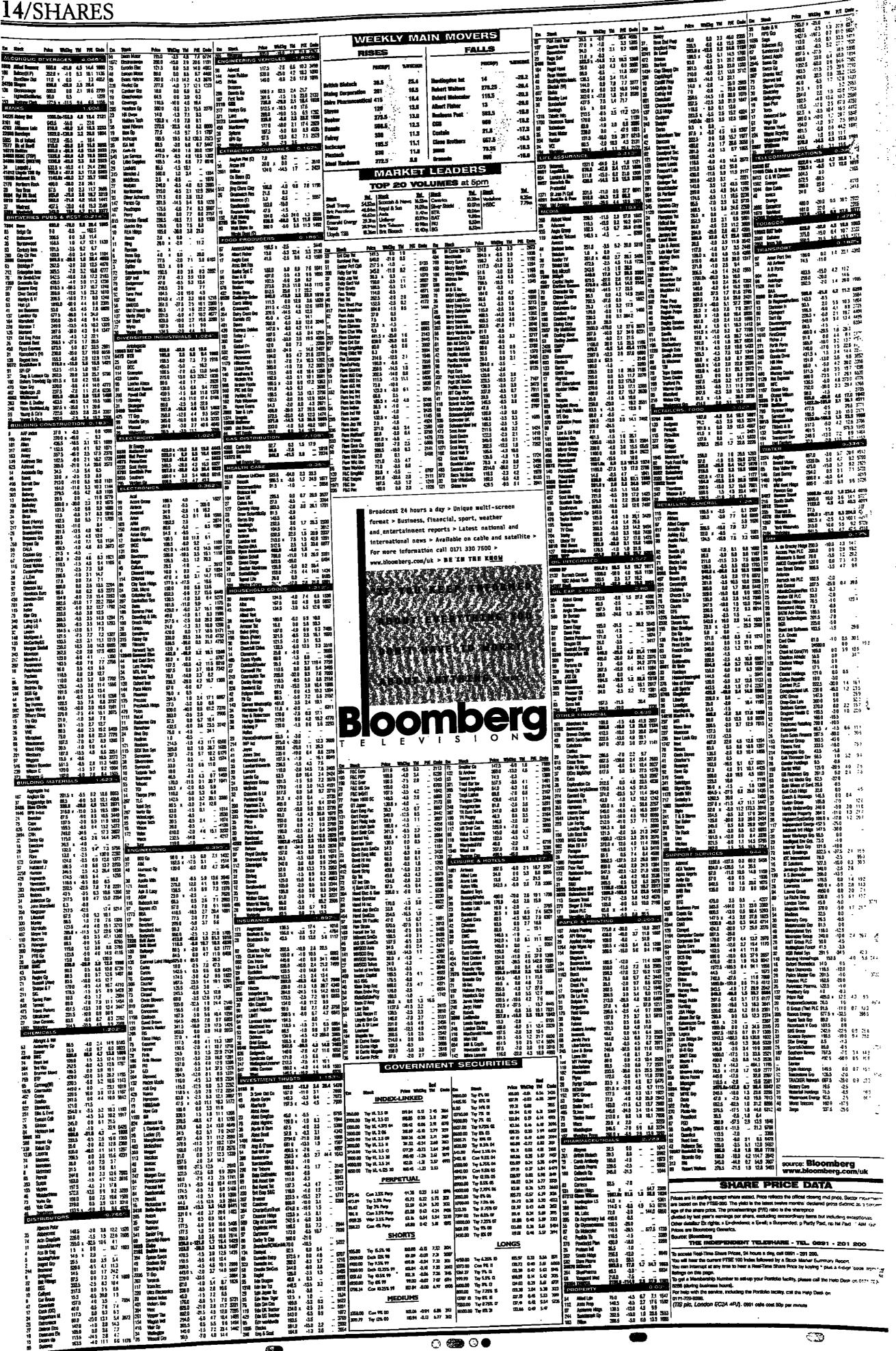
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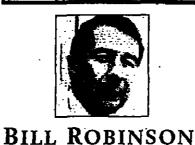
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The world will be one big tax haven

IT IS AN overworked cliché to say that business is becoming increasingly global these days. There is nothing particularly new about this. Some businesses have always been global - shipping was a big global business a century ago. Some can never be because we all spend a lot on services - haircuts, housing, restaurant meals, taxis - that can only be provided locally. But in between there are some interesting industries that clearly are becoming more global. The most important of these is probably financial services. And as financial services have become a global industry, tax has become a global

For a large part of the post-war period. people's savings were invested mainly, if not entirely, in their own country. What kept the money at home was exchange controls. As soon as these were abolished. and fund managers were free to seek the highest returns in whatever far-flung location took their fancy, they proved more than willing to do so.

International capital flows have grown to enormous proportions because capital jurisdiction with the lowest tax rate is an - especially financial capital - is incredibly mobile. It can move across national boundaries in a split second and at very low cost. It will move quickly, anywhere in the globe, to find the highest returns.



Tax has become a global issue. Powerful forces are driving rates on savings down towards zero.

This brings us to the issue of tax. because what interests the provider of capital is the post-tax return. In a world of highly mobile global savings, the attractive place to be.

By cutting tax rates on savings, a country can attract more than its share natural desire of finance ministries of world savings. Lower tax rates thus lead to higher tax revenue - until competing

jurisdictions react by cutting their own

Hoping to get an unfair share of the world supply of savings by cutting tax rates on savings is a bit like standing up at an all-seater football match. You'll get a good view for a while, but if you persist eventually everybody else stands up and all are worse off - same view, aching feet.

Tax competition between jurisdictions has been driving down tax rates on capital around the world from the early 1980s. The two most important taxes on the returns to capital are corporation tax, which taxes profits, and the income tax which bears on dividends and interest.

International organisations, such as the European Commission and the OECD, worry about the loss of revenue from these taxes because the lower the taxes on capital income, the higher the taxes have to be on employment and consumption.

This concern of the EU and the OECD

reflects a very respectable strand in tax thinking: it is better to tax many things lightly than a few things heavily owing to the distortion to economic activity being less. This laudable concern for tax neutrality also fits in very well with the around the world to get in revenue from every possible source. So it is not at all

surprising that the OECD has, with their this issue. For there is another respectable pensions are all fully funded and the blessing, launched an inquiry into "harm-strand of tax theory which says the returns ful tax competition" and is looking particularly closely at the so-called tax havens.

There is no official definition of a tax haven, though the large accounting firms produce lists of countries which have two key characteristics: low rates of tax on residents and a willingness to pay dividends and interest to non-residents free of tax. Nothing wrong with that. It is incumbent on the non-resident to declare the income from another jurisdiction in his or her own jurisdiction - and there are many large and respectable countries that do not apply withholding taxes to nonresidents. If you want to avoid tax by getting paid interest gross and not declaring the income, you can achieve this result as easily by opening a bank account

in Germany as in Guernsey. Global industries, like financial services, which do not have to be close to their customers, find it very attractive to locate themselves in these low-tax jurisdictions, and finance ministries in other jurisdictions are becoming increasingly concerned about the resulting revenue

However it must be said that the official word is somewhat schizophrenic on

on savings (out of income which has already been taxed) should not be taxed at all. That line of thinking has long governed the tax treatment of pensions. More recently, we have witnessed the invention of new savings instruments such as PEPs and Tessas, which offer tax-exempt sav-

ings opportunities. So it is far from clear that the authorities, who have been busy inventing tax havens inside their own jurisdiction, are in a strong position to attack the tax havens in other jurisdictions. The really interesting question to ask about any tax jurisdiction is whether it is engaging in fair or unfair competition. Low tax rates do not constitute unfair competition. Helping people in other juris-dictions to evade tax, or outright money

laundering, does.

Do the Channel Islands, for example, engage in unfair competition? Certainly their tax rates are much lower than in the UK, but this is because public spending takes a much lower share of GDP. There are three main reasons for this: the islanders have run their affairs extremely prudently in the past, so that taxpayer are not lumbered, as they are in the UK, with a debt interest burden. Secondly,

islands enjoy full employment, so there is no need for a huge social security budget. And thirdly, because the islanders shelter under the UK defences, there is no defence burden on the taxpayer.

For all these eminently respectable reasons, the Channel Islands have been able to impose low rates of tax. As a result they have attracted a large financial services industry to their shores. But in the process they have also attracted the attentions of those intent upon evading tax in their own jurisdiction. That is why the Islands are perceived, potentially to their detriment, as centres of tax evasion rather than successful low-tax economies in the Hong Kong or Singapore mould.

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Where will the OECD inquiry lead? It is far too early to say, but the global forces driving taxes on savings down towards zero are extremely powerful. In the future there will be no tax havens because the world will be one big tax haven for the saver. The other side of the coin is that we will all have to get used to higher taxes on labour and consumption - or find some way of getting our levels of spending down. The Islanders have shown us it can be done.

Bill Robinson is a director of the consultancy London Economics

Stress and strain savage the tiddlers

FOOTSIE'S DRAMATIC decline from the 6,179 points peak achieved only four weeks ago has tended to overshadow the blood and tears shed on the stock market's undercard.

The small cap index also reached a high this year. The happy event occurred in May Since then it has been all downhill. Last week it was teetering uncomfortably close to its lowest level of the year, hit on the opening day.
Indeed, even when the market

was attempting to throw off its cares on Friday, the small cap index spent much of the day in the red. It ended the week at 2,333.4, just 13.2 above the low point and far removed from its happy 2,792.7

Composition of the index is set each December. Last year the capitalisation cut-off point was fixed at are unwilling to trade in big blocks £65m. Such has been the devastation that around 60 of the current constituents have market values below the minimum with, for offered between buying and selling example, Tie Rack now worth

It could be argued that the rest little ums are inevitably savag of the shares in the outer reaches of the market have suffered even more savagely; as measured by the fledgling share index, they have been in decline since 1994. In that year this index, which embraces nearly all the tiddlers, peaked at 1,778.3. It did hit 1,517.11 this year and is currently around 1,270.

STOCK MARKET WEEK



DEREK PAIN

Why is the undercard so out of favour? The hoary old explanation put forward is a lack of liquidity. Market-makers do not carry enough shares on their books, and because they are likely to be stuck with them and bang prices at the first sign of a seller. The spreads prices are often exceedingly wide. So, runs the argument, the times of stress and strain.

There should, therefore, be a contrary reaction when buyers are around. To some extent there is and gains are often exaggerated. But the liquidity problem, which is not new is not the only negative influence in this year's rout. Such has been the impact of the

neers, have for long been neglected by the market. Consequently their capitalisations have fallen and unfashionable metal-bashers and the like have been relegated down the domestic league of indices run by

> Nowadays much of Britain's traditional industrial heartland is gathered outside Footsie. For example Crédit Suisse First

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Boston calculates that engineers now represent only 2.6 per cent of Interims: Anglo Pacific, Card Footsie against 6.74 per cent of the Clear, ITE, LLP, Polyhedron, small cap. The fledgling contribution is 4.87 per cent.

In contrast high street banks, TUESDAY until recently the market highflyers, make up 18.78 per cent of Harbour, Newsquest

Footsie; 1.06 per cent of the mid at BT Alex.Brown do not expect major acquisition. It succeeded in cap; 2.3 per cent of the small cap shares to suddenly regain lost wringing much better than and 3.05 per cent of the fledgling. Computers are probably the only area where the smaller indices

Friday's much needed rally by the top 350 shares - Footsie and the mid cap constituents - was largely technical and had an air of unreality about it. The end of the dog days of the August retreat - or merely a dead cat bounce?

Certainly a number of influential strategists view the summertime blues as a correction rather than the start of a bear market.

Neil Williams and Jeffrey M Weingarten at Goldman Sachs say: We believe the current equity market correction is more likely to be a short, sharp correction similar to what we saw last October rather than the start of a bear

Bob Semple and David McBain

ground. With a cut in interest rates some way off and profit downgrades to be coped with, investors face a rough ride. But they say: "Investors should now start to buy the UK into

the current market fragility ..." Richard Jeffrey at Charterhouse Tilney is looking for a further 5 per cent Footsie fall

Rentokil Initial, the environmental and security group, tops the week's results schedule with its interim performance. It should achieve chairman Sir Clive Thompson's 20 per cent growth target – a self-inflicted burden he must now regret.

BT Alex.Brown expect profits of £233m against £193.9m. But analysts Paul Morland and Andrew Nussey fret about the second halfyear when the magic 20 per cent may prove elusive.

The company needs another

THE WEEK'S DIARY

Economics: Retail Price Index

(July), Public Finances (July)

expected returns out of its last victim, the BET cleaning group. Compass is the market's favoured Rentokil target and it is known Sir Clive has thought about a bid for the contract caterer. Without a takeover, Rentokil's

proud 20 per cent growth record is in danger. In any case any deal would probably come too late to have much impact on this year's figures and with margins under pressure it is likely Sir Clive will lose his 20 per cent tag when he presents the full year's results in March.

WPP, the advertising group once teetering on the brink of oblivion, should score a near 20 per cent interim advance to £93.4m, says Merrill Lynch. Analyst David Chermont is shooting for £207.4m for the year and reckons the group should hit £270.1m in 2000.

Rolls-Royce wins \$400m order

IN BRIEF

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero engine maker, is today expected to announce that it has won a \$400m order from American Airlines, the US carrier forging an alliance with British Airways. The contract, for Trent 800 engines which will power Boeing 777 aircraft, will bring Rolls' order book up to £10bn.

No Selfridges bid

SELFRIDGES has not received a formal bid, sources close to the company said vesterday as speculation increased that the Oxford Street retailer was about to become the subject of a takeover attempt. Galen Weston, the Irish businessman, is reported to be preparing an offer worth more than £400m.

Personal bug risk

BRITISH BUSINESS still has to find £1bn-£5bn to tackie the millennium bug in employees' personal computers, according to research by Logica, the comput services group. The problem stems from spreadsheets and databases which were created using non-compliant software. and which are often still in use. Although companies have spent billions stamping out the bug in corporate databases, personal computers have been overlooked.

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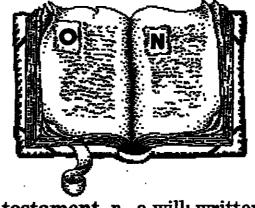
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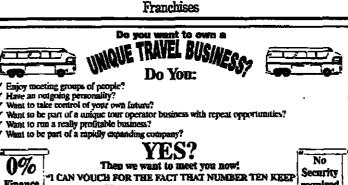
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European Athletics Championships: Britain's hope generously helped by World and Olympic champion

Backley aims at unique treble

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

AS STEVE BACKLEY seeks to win a third successive European javelin title in Budapest

Defeating a field which contained every top thrower - including Jan Zelezny, the Olympic champion, and Finland's local hero Seppo Raty ~ prompted Backley to develop a

It did not involve throwing, but celebrating. After Raty's last throw of the competition fell short of Backley's effort the

He smiled, blew out his cheeks and shook the hand of his training partner, Terry McHugh. But the manic appearance on the boundary wall of John Trower, the man who had coached caioled and occasionally conned Backley into a succession of champion performances suddenly seemed to define the moment for him.

Javelin throwers are not usually able or accustomed to doing laps of honour - too much else is usually occurring around them. But Backley, his enthusiasm overflowing, started to progress down the infield, sidestepping and waving in a movement that was half-way It was ungainly. And glorious.

· Perhaps Backley will devise a new victory salute in the Nep stadium on Sunday. Certainly his form this year makes it high-

ly likely that he might need to. Backley has already recorded 89.89 metres this summer. his best for six years and a distance which takes him to Friday's qualifying round as the European with the second furthest throw so far this season.

The only man who stands above him in the rankings is Aki Parviainen, a 23-year-old Finn who has thrown 90,88,

Backley, who will be 30 next February, could be forgiven a certain nervousness about this relatively newcomer given his experience at last year's world championships in Athens.

Approaching that event unencumbered by injury - a relatively rare state of affairs for him in the last six years - the Olympic and world silver medaliist appeared to have within his reach the first global title he so desperately craved.

Then Marius Corbett, a 21year-old South African, intervened with an unexpected African record of 88.40 which forced Backley to accept second

place again. Parviainen clearly has the potential to do the same this time, although his championship record at senior level has been as yet unremarkable.

Backley, however, will also be many's Boris Henry, only half a metre behind him this year,

Greece, whom the Briton identified as a potential danger before last year's championships in Athens. On that occasion, however, Backley backed the wrong dark horse.

But he has more reason to be confident this year given the ancy lies in the groundwork he has laid during the winter in

right shoulder so badly that career, and he was forced to rule himself out of competition for at least 12 months. However, the former army colonel and his coach. Jan Posnisil. have left open their invitation for Backley and Trower to visit their training group near been readily taken up.

This week both men have heer out to Frague again, accompanied by follow countryman Mark Roberson and Mick Hill, as part of their final prepa-

This is just the latest manifestation of the approach Backley has been obliged to develop over the years as he has picked up the injuries which are the lot of every exponent in this wrenchingly deand survive.

Since 1992 he has had injuries to his shoulder, groin, elbow and feet. He has fought hack with the help of a number of people, including the South African, Dr Ron Holder, who corrected a damaging imbalance in his posture by building up the insole of one of his shoes with minutely calculated layers of Yellow Pages. It sounded bizarre. It was bizzare. But it got Backley moving in the right direction again.

His ultimate defence, however, has been his own courage and mental toughness which be demonstrated to staggering effect when he won the Olympic silver medal two years ago just a month after he had been on crutches following an operation on a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Thus Backley goes into his third European Championships with the world and Olympic champion effectively in his corner. Success would set him up for a unique achievement, that of being both European and Commonwealth champion three times running.

Victory in Budapest this Sunday, and subsequent triumph in Kuala Lumpur next month - when Corbett is due to compete - would establish Backley's credentials as the world's leading thrower in the continued absence of Zelezny. It would be a highly acceptable keeping a wary eye on Ger- way for him to move towards what he still regards as his ultimate goal - the 2000 Sydney



Steve Backley has had a succession of injuries over the years but some unorthodox treatments seem to have restored him

Smith plots Britain's golden future

the same as making it to the

final at the Worlds or Olympics.

"Everybody should be using

STEVE SMITH the new team captain, yesterday injected a dose of realism as Britain's athletes prepared to launch a gold medal charge at this week's European Championships in Budapest.

The team could win around 10 titles in the championships which begin in the Hungarian capital tomorrow.

But Smith, made men's captain after Roger Black retired, rule him out until next year believes the team should have a wider focus. After all, there's

next year's World Championships and then the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, and he is hopeful that the Europeans Championships will be a springboard to global success.

There is every reason to think we can win a lot of golds," said Smith, the high jumper who will be the first 'non performing' captain following a neck injury in training that will

"But the important thing to

build-up to Sydney because the 2000 Olympics are what it is going to be all about. But a bagful of golds at the

Nep Stadium would be a good starting point for a team that failed to win a title at the 1996 Olympics and last year's World

getting to the final of the European Championships is not the javelin, Colin Jackson will As well as Steve Backley in be chasing a hat-trick of suc-

cesses in the 110m hurdles. Jackson has clocked 10 of the the Europeans as part of the 11 fastest times by a European this summer, but the world record holder could be pushed

by rising German, Falk Balzer. The triple jumper Jonathan Edwards should return to the victory podium for the first time in a major event since 1995. Mark Richardson will start

favourite to beat his team-mate

Iwan Thomas and maintain Britain's tradition in the 400m. while Solomon Wariso will be under pressure to completé a clean sweep of the medals.

The women's team has been depleted by the absence of the middle-distance runner Kelly Holmes and yesterday's withdrawal of the world indoor triple jump record holder, Ashia

Hansen, through injury. In the beptathlon Denise Lewis could finally take the next step on to the winners' podium.

Ready **Teddy** comfort for Tait

EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY at Gatcombe Park

BLYTH TAIT and Ready Teddy. with whom he won the individual Olympic gold medal in 1996, gave a sparkling performance to win the Doubleprint British Open Championship here yesterday. The New Zealander defeated Karen Dixon (who took the national title having gained the best British score on Too Smart) with last year's Australian winner, Andrew Hox in third place

on Buckley Province. Tait regards Ready Teddy as a great little horse - "If I had to choose only one to ride. I'd choose him every time" - but the 10-year-old has not been without his problems. Last year he began running away towards the end of the Gatcombe he had a fall at The Bank when in with a winning chance.

"I pushed him at the beginning of the course here last year and got him rattled." Tait said yesterday, after gaining his first British Open title. "This time I let him bowi along at his a smart pace since Ready Teddy recorded the fastest time. The second fastest was another of Tait's mounts. Chesterfield, who finished in fifth place.

three British Olympic teams and was the winner of this conbeen making a brave comeback after breaking her leg almost a year ago. "When I started riding again in February, I came down to Gatcombe to get some help from Mark Phillips. He got me going again," Dixon said.

be at Henbury Hall in Cheshire the weekend after next, when Dixon will be among the shortin the final trial for the World Equestrian Games to be held in Italy in October. The Great Britain team will be defending their world title which was won in The Hague four years ago when Dixon was part of the win-

ning quartet. Pippa Nolan, winner of the British Open here in 1992, had been leading after the dressage and show jumping on Rainbow Magic. She was, therefore, last to go on the cross-country which as always, was run in the reverse order of merit-

Nolan's chance of a repeat victory disappeared half way round the 32-fence course when Rainbow Magic had a less than fluent jump over the first of three parts in the Coutts Complex. Wisely opting for a longer route there on the nineyear-old, Nolan collected some extra time penalties as a result. But she must have been pleased to complete a clear round for fourth place.

Those assessing form in the run-up to the World Games will have noted the fine performance of Tait's intended partner, Ready Teddy. Hox, who has won two Olympic team gold medals for Australia, also looks to have the right horsepower in last year's Bramham winner, Swizzle In, his winning partner in the first advanced section here on Saturday.

David O'Connor, of the Unit. ed States, and his wife, Karen, filled the top two places in the second advanced section yesterday.

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Scratching the surface of discrimination

Forbidden Fairways: African Americans and the Game of Golf (Sleeping Bear Press, \$24.95) By Calvin H Sinnette

WHEN TIGER WOODS won the US Masters last year, the roof of the Augusta National clubhouse almost blew off. "I've never seen as much excitement as we had in the clubhouse," said the then chairman, Jackson Stephens. When he made the putt on 18, the clubhouse

exploded." Woods had set records galore, but not lost among all the statistics was the fact that Woods was the first black player to win the event. His victory came 22 years after Lee

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Elder became the first black golfer to play in the Masters and seven years after Augusta admitted their first black member.

"That's why this victory is even more special," Woods, who later described himself as a "Cablinasian" to represent his mix of cultures, said, "Seeing Lee Elder before I played meant a lot. I looked up to him and Charlie Sifford and because of them I am able to live my dream."

Little over a generation before,

Woods would not have been able to

word that that year's winner of the event would not be invited to the following year's Masters, Clifford Roberts, the long-serving chairman, once said that "a black man would never play at Augusta as long as he had something to do with it and that the only way a black man was going to get on Augusta was as a caddie or a clubhouse porter."

do so. When Sifford was leading the

Canadian Open after two rounds in

1962, officials from Augusta sent

None of this is addressed in Calvin Sinnette's book Forbidden Foirmays. The background to the removal of the infamous "Caucasian rule" in the PGA's statutes in 1981 is covered, however sketchily. Tour- reptitiously placed in the cup".

naments were redesignated "Open Invitationals" to prevent players such as Bill Spiller, Ted Rhodes and Sifford from being able to play. At the San Diego Open in 1952,

Joe Louis, the former world heavyweight champion, was allowed to play, but other black players were not. From then on, non-PGA members were allowed to play in tournaments if they received a sponsor's invitation. At the next event in Phoenix, Louis, Rhodes, Sifford and Eural Clark were sent out in the first group of the qualifying round and onthe first green "were greeted by the revolting sight and smell of human excrement that someone had sur-

This is far from the definitive record of an interesting and important subject in a sport which cherishes honour and integrity but has a history of appalling discrimination, whether racial, sexual or ageist. But Simmette does provide a gentle ramble through the lives of some golfers whose fame would be greater but for the colour of their skin.

Among those recounted are John Shippen, who might have won the second US Open in 1896 but for an 11 at the 13th hole when he was leading in the final round, and George Grant, who invented and patented the first wooden tee in 1899, but failed to exploit the idea commercially.

THIS WEEK'S TOP TEN SPORTS BOOKS

1 Rothmans Football Yearbook 1998-99 Edited by Glenda Rollin (Headline. paperback, £17,99)

2 News of the World Football Annual 1988-99 Edited by Eric Brown (Invincible Press, 25,99)

3 Pizyfair Football Annual 1998-99 Edited by Glenda Rollin (Headline, pa-

perback, £4.99)

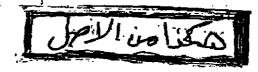
4 Left Foot in the Grave By Garry Nelson (Collius Willow, paperback, £6.99) 5 Postcards From the Beach By Phil Tufnell (Collins Willow, paperback, £6,99)

6 Only a Game? By Eamon Dunphy (Penguin, paperback, £8,99) 7 Playfair Rootball Who's Who 1989 Edited by Jack Rollin (Headline, paperback,

8 1998-99 Official PFA Footballers Factfile Edited by Barry Hugman (Queen Anne Press, paperback, £12.99)

9 Rough Ride - Behind the Wheel with a Pro Cyclist By Paul Kimmage (Yellow Jersey, paperback, £8.00)

10 Spread Betting By Andrew Burke (Rowton Press, paperback, £8.55) Chart compiled by Sportspages, 94-96 Charing Cross Road, London 10171 240 96(A) and St Ann's Square, Manchester (0161 832 8530) www. sportspages.tr.uk



Second Second coming of Paul

RUGBY LEAGUE

By DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan Sheffield

HENRY PAUL does not expect to be at Wigan next season, but he showed them what they could be missing with a vintage individual display at they took Sheffield apart yesterday. Paul inspired a ruthless second-half performance after it had taken a controversial decision to give them the edge in the first.

He was outstanding as Wigan produced their best rugby of the season, extracting a second measure of retribution for the defeat by the Eagles at Wembley in May. Paul might feel that he has already been effectively pushed out by the signing of Greg Florimo for next year, but when Paul plays like this, you get two stand-offs for the price of one.

"He was outstanding as a team No 6 and then he did what he can do with his individual brilliance," said the Wigan coach, John Monie, not always such an unequivocal fan in the past

Paul claimed two tries with the sinuous running that makes him so hard to defend against when he is in the mood and he was also involved in much of Wigan's other best work.

"I didn't think I'd done enough in the first half, but I tried to make up for it in the second," he said. "I'm not really worried about what happens in the future. I just want to focus on the job here from week to week."

Well as they played, Wigan were helped towards their overwhelming victory by a refereeing decision that had the Sheffield coach, John Kear, not usually an outspoken critic of officials, fuming afterwards. Steve Ganson sent the Eagles' second rower Darren Shaw to the sin-bin for a holding down offence mid-way through the

"I thought it was a poor decision," Kear said, "He could have sin-binned someone on about 60 occasions and if you do it for one, you have to do it for everyone else."

During the 10 minutes that Shaw was absent, Wigan turned a six-point deficit, the result of Darren Turner's closerange try during Sheffield's lively start, into a six-point lead. First, Paul danced through and then, after Waisale Sovatabua had dropped a high kick, he was involved in sending Kris Radlinski in for a secand converted try. If that gave Wigan a precar-

ious lead, they simply romped away after the break. Tony Smith and Lee Gilmour linked for Andy Farrell, who kicked eight goals, to score the pivotal try before Gary Connolly, Paul Johnson and Smith combined in the best move of the match to release Danny Moore. Stephen Holgate went over from close range, Paul skipped over from Smith's pass and

Simon Haughton powered over

to round it all off.

"We were competitive in the first half," Kear said, "but we weren't competitive at all in the second. We lost that half 32-0 and we were lucky to get nil." Wigan: Radlinski: Bell, Connolly, Moore, Robinson; Paul, Smith; O'Connot, McCor-mack, Mestrou, Cassidy, Haughton, Farrell. Substitutes used: Johnson. Gilmour.

it Agricole clocked 20min 36sec to



Salford squash hapless **Giants**

BOBBIE GOULDING'S Hudder-stield debut ended in disappointment as Salford beat the Giants 16-12 yesterday to end the visitors' five-match losing run. The Great Britain international came off the bench after 23 minutes but his prompting was not enough to prevent Huddersheld slipping to their seventh defeat in a row and their 15th loss in 17 Super League games.

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The former St Helens No 7 looked to have put on weight during his two-week absence from the game, but it will need more than a fully fit Goulding on top of his game to transform Huddersfield into anything other than strugglers.

Salford were 6-0 ahead when Goulding entered the fray Gary Broadbent made a brilliant last-minute tackle to deny Adrian Belle five metres out and the Reds' four-point lead was enough to send Huddersfield - watched by 2,932, their lowest crowd of the campaign stumbling to another defeat.

Halifax inflicted an eighttry demolition upon Warrington to virtually guarantee their position in the play-offs at The Shay. The Wolves were never in the game as the Blue Sox rapidly notched up five scores in the opening 40 minutes and to further Warrington's woes, they had Adam Doyle rushed to hospital with a serious leg injury in their 46-16 defeat.

The Yorkshire side avenged their early-season defeat at Wilderspool, with Gavin Clinch. Daio Powell, Jamie Bloem. Gary Mercer, Oliver Marns, Martin Moana, Fereti Tuilagi and Martin Pearson all scoring tries. Pearson also kicked seven goals from nine attempts.

Mike Wainwright claimed two tries for Warrington and Mark Foster also crossed the line, but they were token efforts. Brendan Tunta was sent to the sin-bin in the 65th minute, two minutes after coming on, after trading blows with Des Clark, who also earned a yellow card.

SPORTING DIGEST

ATHLETICS

BERLEI UK WOMBEN'S LEAGUE: Dission Two (Liverpool): 1 Essex Ladies
233pts; 2 Trafford 214: 3 Coventry Godiva 165; 4 Medway 150: 5 Liverpool 132;
6 Wigan 124; 7 Thurrock 121: 8 Rotherham 65. Fissal positiones: 1 Trafford 23:
2 Essex Ladies 22: 3 Coventry Godiva 16;
4 Medway 16: 5 Liverpool 13: 6 Wigan
7; 7 Thurrock 7; 8 Rotherham 4. (Iniford and Essex Lodies promoted to Div
One): (Thurrock and Rotherham relegated to Div Three). Division Three (Asiaford): 1 Wakefield 22: pts; 2 Ashford
195.5; 3 Middlesbrough and Cleveland
195.5; 4 Hallamshire 132: 5 City of Hull
119: 6 City of Stoke 114: 7 Derby Ladies
113: 8 Hounslow 62. Fissal positions: 1
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7 Derby Ladies 8: 8 Hounslow 3. (45)feet and Methodiaid recombed in Dry 21:

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Hawthom 13.16 (94) Brisbare 7.17 (59);
Vesterday: Port Adelaide 10.11 (71) Melbourne 14.10 (94); Certton 19.20 (134)
St Kilda 15.14 (104); West Coast Eagles
16.16 (112) Richmond 11.7 (73).

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te Zhaoying (Ch) bt Geng Zhichao (Ch) 11-8

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(Den) bt Yong Hock kin (Malay) 17-15 5-15

15-9; H Hendrawan (Indon) bt Sun Jun (Ch)

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(Den) 15-10 15-8.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE Friday: Boston 13

Minnesota 12: Cleveland 3 Baltimore 15:
Detrok 13 Coldand 4; Toronto 5 Anahem

7: New York Yankees 6 Texas 4; Chicago
White Sox 14 Seatte 2; Kansas City 11

Tampa Bay 9. Saturday: Chicago White Sox

7 Seatte 13; New York Yankees 5 Texas

16; Cleveland 8 Baltimore 9 (10 innings):
Texas 16 New York Yankees 5; Anahem

6 Toronto 3 (11 innings): Minnesota 3

Boston 2: Oakland 10 Detroit 8 (11 innings): Tampa Bay 8 Kansas City 6 (11 innings): Tampa Bay B Kansas City 6 (11 innings): Tool 10 innings): Tool 10 innings; Society 6 (11 innings): Tool 10 innings; Tool 10 innings; Society 6 (11 innings); Tool 10 innings; Tool 10 i

BOWLS

MOMEN'S ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIDISSIPPS [Royal Lasminton Spa]: Shaglas Championship Final: N Shaw
(Norton Durham) to Mitchell (Kettering Lodge) 21-11. Triples Championship
mani: Colchester [, Emm. J Nicolson, B
Brown) by Yeovil (J Whildock, M Monkton,
E Bessell) 18-17.
MEN'S ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS [Morthing): National Club,
Two Fours, samil-finals: Mariborough
(Suffolk) by Popes Mead (Crawley) 4925: Wigton (Cumbria) bt Clevedon
(Somerset) 45-44. Pinals: Mariborough
(Suffolk) bt Wigton (Cumbria). Champlon of champion singles, quarterfinals: G Smith [Rieston Rutland) bt F
Richardson (Perkins, Huntingdonshire)
21-11: A Smith (Welford on Awon) bt I
Spreadborough (Saltash) 21-9: I Mayne
(Acton Bridge) bt J Dunn (Sandwich,
Kent) 21-12: N Smith (Swindon) bt D
Robson (Century, Middlesex) 21-7.
Seast-finals: A Smith to G Smith 21-16:
Mayne bt N Smith 21-20, Nardonal U25 singles championship, semifinals: D Bolt (Silksnorth, Durham) bt
Drew (Stenalees, Cornwall) 21-17: N
Brett (White Hart. Huntingdonshire) bt
R Newiman (Reading) 21-12.

CYCLING

Chris Boardman won the 18.25-kilocorns Boardman won the 10-23-407-metres fifth and final stage time tri-al of the Tour de l'Ain between Jasseron and Bourg-en-Bresse yes-terday, Boardman, riding for Cred-

it Agricole clocked 20min 36sec to beat fellow Briton David Millard.
TOUR DE UARN (18.25km thee trial, Jasseron to Bourg-en-Bresse,) Fifth stage: 1 C Boardman (GB) 20min 36sec: 2 D Millard (GB) +0:09sec; 3 J Lehmann (Ger) 0:29: 4 VCall (Fr) 0:41; 5 G Gwlazdowski (Pol) 0:45; Final overall results: 1 C Gasperoni (it) 18hr 01min 55sec: 2 A Galletti (it) 00:06; 3 V Gall (Fr) 02:11; 4 F Gabrier (Fr) 02:28: 5 S Petilleau (Fr) 02:49.
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TOURE OF DENIMARK (150las from Handige to Copenhangen) Saturdary's Sath stages 1 J Koerts (Neth) 3hr 17min 15sec: 2 A Ongarato (Ic) same time: 3 F Colorate (IC); 4 A Petacohi (IC); 5 J Krispun (ISS); 6 S Schlayka (IC); 7 T Brailda (Den) sut 8 Poolo Bernin (IC); 8 G Holostol (INO); 10 A Piziks (Lat) als same time: Final owardl resulter: 1 M Street (Bel) 2 Ihr 21sec; 2 R Sovensen (Den) +54sec; 3 P Michaetr (Den) +1 min 19sec: 4 G Hiracapie (US) +1.4 ht; 5 Handburger (Den) +1.51; 6 C McRae (US) +1.56; 7 J Pii (Den) +2.08; 8 P Bertin (It) +1.25; 9 M Kymeb (Den) +2.30; 10 M Husstija (Sloven) +2.32.

DIVING US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Ac-lanca, Georgia): 3m springboard final-Men: 1 D Pichler 644:190ts: 2 M Ruiz 621.54; 3 T Nierneyer 620.40. Women: 1 M Davison 505.35; 2 J Kelm 502.23; 3 E Sorgi 491.76.

EQUESTRIANISM

AACHEM INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW (Germany): Saturday's Licher Privatoraserel Prize: 1 Dover (Libria Br) of Paulis, 37.80sec; 2 P S Priamos (L Beerbaum, Ger) of Paulis, 37.99; 3 Dober's Cento (O Becker, Ger) of Paulis, 40.10; 4 Montemorelos La Silia (J Tops, Neth) of Paulis, 42.20; 5 Viroual Village Ashley (M Whitziske; GG) 4 Faulis, 37.54; 6 Apricot D (H Smon, Aut) 4 Paulis, 39.14.

D (H Shnon, Aur) & Faults, 39.14.

DOUBLEPRINT BRITISH HORESE TRIALS

CHARRY-ONSNIES (Gaccombe Park):
British Open Champlonstille: 1 Roady

leddy (B Tair, NZ) 51.8 penaltiles; 2 Too

Smart (K Dison, GB) 53.6; 3 Buckley

Province (A Hoy, Aus) 54.3; 4 Rahbow

Magic (P Funnell, GB) 57.1; 5 Chesserfield

(B Tair, NZ) 59.3; 6 Shear H20 (I Law, GB)

§ 60.7, Advanced Section 2: 1 GRt Edge

(D O'Connor, US) 45; 2 Prince Panache (K

O'Connor, US) 51: 3 Jagermeister (A

Nicholson, NZ) 51.

FOOTBALL MLS: Miami Fusion 3 New York/New Jer-

Britain's Chris Williams won the Malaysian Masters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday after a dramatic play-off. rns won at the fourth ou with a 20-foot putt to beat Zaw Moe. Warren Bennett, the 26-year-old from Watford, won his fourth Chal-lenge Tour in the past six weeks when he stormed to victory in the Russian Open at the Moscow Coun-try Club. A closing round of 64 left him on 18-under-par 270 and sev-en strokes clear.

him on 18-uncer-par 210 and seven STOKes clear.
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HOCKEY
WORKEN'S EUROPEAN UNDER-21 NATIONS CUP (Belfast) Final day: 7/8
place Ireland 2 Belarusse 0: 5/6: England
2 Czech Republic 0: 3/4: Uloraine 4 Spain
3: Finale Germany 1 Netherlands 1 (Germany won 4-2 ops). Final ranking: 1 Germany; 2 Netherlands: 3 Uloraine; 4 Spain;
5 England: 6 Czech Republic; 7 Ireland; 8
Belarusse. (Belarusse, Ireland and C Rep
Relegated to 8 division). MOTORCYCLING

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MOTOR CYCLE NEWS SERTESH SUPERBENE CHAMPHONESHP (Madiory Park):
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(88.87 mph); 2 C Mears (Aprille)
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(90.02mph) (record). Championship
standings 1 Murphy 136pt; 2 Mears 130;
3 A Zanotti 106. 250cc Championship
round 10 (28 laps): 1 W Coultér (Honda)
23:mh 25.555scc (58.24mph); 2.1 McGuinness (Honda) 23:26.602; 3 5 Norusi 129;
49.463scc (99.71mph). Championship
standings: 1 Coulter 145pts; 2 Norusi 129;
3 C Ramsyl 125. Sanyo British Super
Sport Championships: Round 8 (28 laps): 1 S Plater (Honda) 23:mh
39.040scc (ave speed 97.31mph); 2 D
Thorats (Suzuk) 23:39.074; 3 J Crawford
(Suzuk) 23:39.571. Fastest laps K Muggeridge (Honda) 49.885scc (average speed
98.85 mph) (record). Championship
standings: 1 Plater 127pts; 2 Crawford
122; 3 P Brown 95. Round 16 (25 laps):

1 C Walker (Kawasaki) 20mins 20.632sec (ave speed 101.01mph); 2 N MacKenzie (Zadburys Boost Yamana) 20:25,911; 3 Rutter 20:27.293; 4 Rymer 20:28,776; 5 Reynoids 20:29.055; 6 Liewellyn 20;30.079. Festbest: Laps: Walker 48,252secs (ave speed 102 21mph) (ourright for rectord). Championship standings: 1 MacKenzie 295pts: 2 Histop 254; 3 Walker 216. Sanyo British 125cc Chansploonship Rottond 8 (28 laps): 1 Lougher (Hondal 24min 15,771sec (average speed 94.85mph): 2 P Jennida; (Honda) 24:17.391; 3 A Notman (Honda) 24:17.829. Pastesst laps L Haslam (Honda) 21:165 (average speed 96.35mph). Championship standings: 1 C Palmer 113pts; 2 Lougher 96; 3 R Appleyard 93.

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19 (22 larps/28_6mRes): 1 A Reid (GB) Nissan Primer 22min 38_865cc (average speed
75.77mph; 2.1 Thompson (GB) Honda Accord
at 2.194sec; 3 A Menu (Swit) Renault Laguna 2.841; 4 Y Muller (Fr) Audi A4 3.192: 5 D
Lesse (GB) Nissan Primera 3.650; 6 W Hoy
(GB) Ford Mondeo 6.739; 7 P Kor (Netri) Honda Accord 7.790; 8 M Hoel (GB) Nissan Primera
9.377; 9 D Warnwich (GB) Noodhalt Vectra
13.204; 10 P Rodision (NZ) Peuppot 406
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200 CART PIEDEX SERVIES RACE (Bildhert Lales, Wilscomstal) Lending qualifying times: 1 M Andretti (LS) Swift-Ford Inlin 39 988sec: 2 B Herta (LS) Reynard-Ford 1:40 344; 4 5 Pruett (LS) Reynard-Ford 1:40 344; 4 5 Pruett (LS) Reynard-Ford 1:40 464; 6 D Franchitti (Sco) Reynard-Honda 1:40.640; 7 C Fittipaldi (Bf) Swift-Ford 1:40 675; 8 G Moore (Can) Reynard-Honda 1:40.640; 7 C Fittipaldi (Bf) Swift-Ford 1:40 675; 8 G Moore (Can) Reynard-Honda 1:40.640; 7 C Fittipaldi (Bf) Swift-Ford 1:40 675; 8 G Moore (Can) Reynard-Honda 1:40.640; 7 C Fittipaldi (Bf) Swift-Ford 1:40-675; 8 G Moore (Can) Reynard-Honda 1:40.640; 8 Fernandez (Med Reynard-Ford 1:40.640; 140.543).

RACQUETS BALLARAT SILVER TOURNAMENT (Australia) Men's semi-finals: 8 Mc-Fartane (Aus) bt P Meares (Aus) 6-2 6-2 6-0; 1 Howell (GB) bt M Eache (GB) 5-6 6-3 6-2 6-3. Pinals Howell bt McFarlane 6-4 6-4 6-5.

RUGBY LEAGUE AML Saturdary Cronulls 22 Mawarra 30. Canterbury 8 Melbourne 4. Adelalde 0 North Sydney 36. Westerdary: Brisbane 16 Auddand 4: Manly 28 North Queens-land 12; Balmain 16 Newcastle 30: Sydney City 34 Gold Coast 10; Parra-matta 50 Western Suburbs 4.

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TRI-NATIONS INTERNATIONAL (Dur-bas): South Africa (5) 24 New Zealand (17) 23. South Africa: Thes Terblanche, von der Westhubzen. Skinstad, Daltorr. Conwersions: Monitromeru (2) RUGBY UNION Conversions Montgomery (2). New Zsaland: Tries Marshall, Randell: Con-versions: Mehrtens (2); Psyalities versions Mehrtens (2): Pepalities Mehrtens (3).
WORLD CUP 1999 GUALIFYING ROUNDS Busenos Alres Argentin 25 USA 24: Canada 38 Uruguay 15.
GUIDENESS BITTER-PROVINCIAL CHARPINGSHIP: Gelway) Cormacht 13 Murster 18.
SOUTH AFFECA CURRIE CUP: Bloese-footele: Free State 27 Mpurnalanga 23.
Gaorges South Western Districts 29 Blue Bulls 32. Wellington: Boland 29 Eastern Province 19. Pootele/stroom: North Western Province 19. Pootele/stroom: North Western Free State 14. Bragan: Gaureng 17 Western Province 13. TOUR MATCHE Leister 33 Morocco 14.
SATURDAY'S CUUB MATCHES: Bridgend 47 South Wales Police 12; Bedford 81 Bedford Athletic 0; Northampton 70 Leeds 33: Notingham 22 Rotherham 38: Porsypridd. 19 Saracres 22; Whorester 52 Swansea 47.

SQUASH SAILING

ULTRA 30 GRAND PRIX REGATTA (Pesarth): 1 DBS, R Peters 29pts; 2 United Airlines, G Charles 26; 3 Hoya, E Warden Owen 25; 4 Henry Lloyd, K Sproud 22; 5 Bentley, P Newlands 16; 6 Team David MicLean, L Mead 9. SNOOKER

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CHIMA INTERNATIONAL (Plymouth)
Third qualifying round: B Haneveer
(Ber) bt G Horne (Sco) 5-3; D Clarke (Eng)
bt M Dunn (Eng) 5-4; J Wonger (Aus) bt
K Burrows (Eng) 5-2; W Brown (Eng) bt
S Chong (Mai) 5-1; P Sweerly (Eng) bt J Lardner (Sco) 5-3; P Wallace (Irl) bt M Couch
(Eng) 5-2; Perry (Eng) bt C Hanrison (Eng)
5-4; A Borden (Eng) bt D Waller (Eng) 5-2; J
Delaney (Irr) bt N Waller (Eng) 5-4; L
Griffin (Eng) bt A Bolsovers (Eng) 5-4; L
Griffin (Eng) bt S Connent (Eng) 5-2; M
Gray (Eng) bt C Storey (Eng) 5-3; R
Makkins (Eng) bt S O'Connent (Eng) 5-1; M
Holt (Eng) bt S Mazrocis (Eng) 5-1; M
Holt (Eng) bt S Mazrocis (Eng) 5-1; R
State (Eng) bt M Hussu (Cyp) 5-1; M Campbell
(Sco) bt P Williams (Wall) 5-1; C
MacGellivray (Sco) bt K Payne (Eng) 5-3;
J Whity (Eng) bt S Math (Eng) 5-2; D Finbow
(Eng) bt S Murphy (Irr) 5-2; S Pettman

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

JJB SPORTS SUPER LEAGUE

LEAGUE

Hallfax (28) 46, Warrington (6) 16.
Hallfax : Tries Bloem, Clinch, Marns, Mercer, Moana, Pearson, Powell, Italagic Goals Pearson 7, Warrington: Tries Walmerlatt 2, Forster: Goals Briers 2, (4,984)
Haddersfield: (6) 12, Salford (10) 16.
Huddersfield: Tries Sturm, Weston: Goals Goulding 2, Salford: Tries Nayfor 2, White: Goals Svebic 2, (2,932)
Hall (10) 18, Castleford (6) 6, Hall:
Tries-Lester, R Nolan, Prescott: Goals
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Tries-Lester, R Nolan, Prescott: Goals
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SPEEDWAY SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Elike Leaguer Coventry 52 Belle Vie 38, Gold-en Helmer March Race: G Hancock (Coventry) by L Screen (Ralls Vie belle en Helmet Match Racet G Hancock (Coventry) bt J Screen (Belle Vue, hold-er), Premier League: Berwick 52 New-port 38: Stoke 39 Hull 50: Arena Essex 46 Edinburgh 44. Silver Helmet Matchrace Championship: L Lanham (Arena Essex) bt K Little (Edinburgh, holder). Brouze Helmet Matchrace Championship: O Allan (Norfolk, hold-er) bt S Stead (Buoton).

SQUASH
AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Melbourne): Mea: Semifinals: D Palmer (Aus) bt I Higgins
[Eng) 11-15 15-8 15-10 17-15: P
Price (Aus) bt C Rowland (Aus) 10-15
17-16 10-15 15-6 15-6. Final: Price
bt Palmer 15-7 15-11 15-10.
Women: Semi-finals: S Fitz-Gerald
(Aus) bt C Owens (Aus) 10-8 9-7 91: M Martin (Aus) bt L Joyce (NZ) 92 9-2 0-9 7-9 9-3. Final: M Martin
bt S Fitz-Gerald 9-4 2-9 9-6 9-5.

SWIMMING US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Clovis, California): Men: 200m In-dividual mediey: 1 T Wilkens 2:01.80; 2 R Karnaugh 2:02.16; 3 T Dolan 2:03.26.1,500m freestyle: 1 E Vendt 15:10.50; 2 C Thompson 15:14.42; 3 J

ATP CHAMPIONSHIP (Mason, Obio)
Men's singles, semi-finals: P Rafter
(Aus) bt Y Kafetnikov (Rus) 7-5 6-0; P
Sampras (US) bt M Larsson (Swe) 7-5
2-6 6-1.
SAN MARINO CLAY COURT TOURNAMENT Men's singles, semi-finals: MAMENT Men's singles, semi-finals: M Puerta (Arg) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-2 3-6 6-3: D Hrbary (Slovak) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-0 4-6 7-6. Finals Hrbary bt Puer-ta 6-2 7-5

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Wromen's singles, semi-finals: M de Swardt (SA) bt I. Raymond (US) 4-6 6-6 4 7-5: B Schett (Aur) bt C Black (Zim) 6-2 2-6 6-2.

ACURA CLASSIC (Manhatten Beach, California) Women's singles, semi-finals: M Hingis (Swit) bt A Sanchez-Micario (Sp) 6-4 6-4: L Davenport (US) bt M Seles (US) 6-4 6-2.

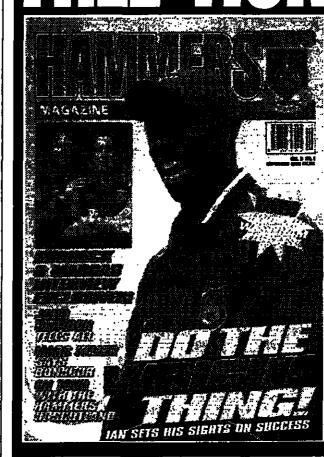
LTA MEN'S SATELLITE (Worthing) Singles final: M Lee (GB) bt L Milligan (GB) 7-5 7-6. Mea's doubles Final: A Mathesson & N Wheel (GB) bt A Fisher (Aus) & K Spencer (GB) 7-6 6-2.

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GROBANK TOUR (West Wortsing)
Men: Final: N Weal (Hampshre) bt N
Watts (Wiltshire) 6-2 6-2. Women:
Final: J Lutrova (Rus) bt K Warne-Holland (Dorset) 6-4 6-2. Men's doubles
Final: A Matheson (GB) and N Wheel
(GB) bt A Fisher (Aus) and K Spencer
(GB) 7-6 6-2. NATIONAL VETERANS CHAMPI-ONSIEP (Wimbledon): Men: 45: P

Siviter bt W Boone 6-2 6-3. 50: A Purnell bt R Tutt 7-6 4-6 6-4. 55: J Dhiral-Soma bt N Church 6-4 6-3. 60: D Shears bt D Garnan 6-4 7-7-6 7-5. 65: K Buswell bt L Treen 7-6 6-2. 70: W Threlfall bt S Howard 6-7 7-6 7-6. 75: H Caranan bt J McColl 6-3 6-3. Nilseness 40: D Gwarken bt F Freeman 6-4 6-4. 45: D Grundy bt DHIR 7-6 6-0. 60: G Thompson by J Pearce 2-6 6-1 6-2. 65: R Lauder w/o R Illingworth 50: 70: K Davles bt C Hardwork. Dowe 6-2 3-Oret.

LEA UNDER-18 NATIONAL CHARPHONSHIPS (Notchingham) Bogs: First round: S Diction (Cheshure) bt T Clark (Herrfordshire) 6-1 6-1; N Conviey (Norfolk) bt D Corne (Herts) 7-6 2-6 6-4; N Pussett (Norfolk) bt J MacDonald (O-fordshire) 6-3 2-6 6-3. D Sunger (Dorset) bt K Stunsyl (Lans) 6-0 6-0. N Greenhuse (Surrey) bt D State (Herrfordshire) 7-5 6-4; B Archar-Clouses (Marwockshire) bt C Watts (Dorset) 6-4 6-4; R Schulver (Mall bt D legg (Surrey) 6-7 6-1 6-2; J Arckland (Norfolk) bt N Bamford (Herrfordshire) 6-3 5-7 7-5; T Higgins (Essex) bt 7 Poccok (Susset) 6-1 6-1; A Whart (Gloucs) bt B Cramp (Lecs) 6-2 6-3; T Greenhand (O-fordshire) bt O Haldenby (Sulfolk) 6-4 6-4, G Bamford (Herrs) bt S Rogers (Norfolk) 6-3 6-6-2; D Sinrley (Norfolk) 6-3 6-6-3; B Fulchen (Norfolk) bt A Perkins (Marwockshire) bt A Perkins (Marwockshire) bt S Rogers (Norfolk) 6-3 6-6-2; D Sinrley (Norfolk) 6-3 6-6-4-4. Ni Weaver (Surrey) bt J Fanagan (Mall) 5-7 6-4 6-4, G Bamford (Herrs) bt J Lins (Scot) 6-1 2-6-3; C Longond (Harms) bt B Roy (Yark) 5: R Green (Barks) bt M Trudgeon (Cornwall) 6-1 5-5 ret; R Sent (Parks) bt M Trudgeon (Cornwall) 6-1 5-5 ret; R Sent (Barks) bt M Trudgeon (Cornwall) 6-1 5-5 ret; R Sent (Barks) bt M Trudgeon (Cornwall) 6-1 5-5 ret; R Sent (Barks) 6-1 6-6 6-7 5-7 5, T Torwall) 6-1 5-5 ret; R Suntans (Cambr) b; R Corbtree (Norkshire) 6-2 6-1; L Chids (Somerset) b; C Lewis (Man) 4-6 6-3 7-5. J Torpey (Yorks) b; M Winstap (Berks) 6-1 6-0, J May (Ken) b; N Morgan (Northumberland) 6-4 6-3; 5 Rhodes (Surrey) b; R Bloomfield (Norfolk) 6-1 6-1, J Netson (Northumberland) b; D Oppe (Surrey) 6-3 6-2; J Cresnorth (Lancs) b; O Medina (Warwickshire) 6-4 6-4.



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Taiki Shuttle puts Japan on fast track

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

IF, AS many have suggested, Japan becomes the major racing power, they will be able to trace back the story with archive footage entitled eight days which shook the equine world. Taiki Shuttle won the main event of a Gallic weekend yesterday, the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, much the same as his compatriot, Seeking The Pearl, had done in Normandy last Sunday. Rather aptly, the world now seems to be

the oyster for Japanese racing. It may be salutary to note that while the Duc de Moray was perfecting Deauville, and its racecourse, as a swanky venue for the Parisian smart set in the early 1860s, Japan was

still ruled by the shoguns. The Land of the Rising Sun has changed considerably since then but, over a century on, Deauville is essentially the same. The proletariat may feel a little left out as they survey a resort of casinos, polo fields and golf courses. An accompaniment to this fine living has usually been a home sweep in the big races, but things are beginning to change. It's all be-

a ludicrous price of 30-100 on

coming a little inscrutable. Taiki Shuttle was sent off at of the Japanese-American

The Japanese horse, who has been billeted at Tony Clout's Lamorlaye yard, was not to know this, however. More pressing a problem for Taiki Sbuttle was racing down a straight mile for the first time. This peculiarity unsettled him

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Grey Princess (Windsor 3.30) NB: Mousehole (Windsor 4.30)

for the first two furlongs, and tested the strength of the wilv old man of Japanese racing. Yukio Okabe.

The pulling was not entirely debilitating, however, and Taiki Shuttle still possessed something in reserve for the maelstrom of the final furions. Godolphin's Cape Cross went by him, but his advantage was clawed back. Another Britishbased horse, Among Men, threatened in the closing stages, but he too was repelled. Taiki Shuttle won by half a

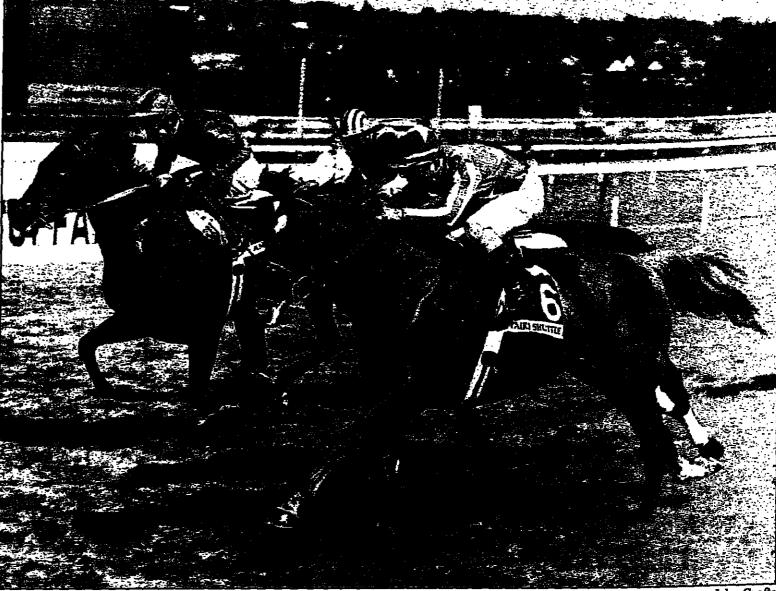
the Pari-mutuel, largely, it is length and a short-head from thought, because of the actions Among Men and Cape Cross.

"This win was brilliant for owner, Gary Tanaka. He is re- racing," Michael Tabor, the ported to have sunk 2m francs runner-up's owner, said. "You (about £200,000) into a distort- really cannot complain at the ed pool. He should know better. way Among Men has run here." Taiki Shuttle, Japan's cham-

pion miler has now won 10 of

his 11 races and over £2.37m in prizemoney. He has collected three Grade One races in his homeland and may now be on the prowl for further baubles outside his regular sphere. "This is one of my greatest racing days," Yushiki Akazawa, the winning owner, said. "This horse has a wonderful mental ability as well as strength. We are considering keeping Taiki Shuttle in France for the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp next month before going on to the Breeders' Cup and then a stud

career in Japan." Following Yutaka Take's rep-utation-restoring performance on Seeking The Pearl, this was another advertisement for the Fuchu weighing room. Okabe, who will be 50 this year, is a member of racing's old school, more a Duffield than a Dettori. He has partnered over 2,400 winners and refuses to answer questions about when he will hang up his riding boots and disappear into the rising sun.



Taiki Shuttle (Yukio Okabe) beats Among Men (left) in the Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville yesterday

worth pushing all that much as the jockey has finished in the top 10 of his domestic championship for all but two years since 1973. He has also ridden 60 races in the United States

It is probably not a point and has landed the Japan Cup night. Running Stag's victory in

However, Okabe has never won the Prix Gontaut-Biron, which was undoubtedly a point Philip Mitchell would have been sing in his Epsom local last French hospitality.

er on Deauville's card was not only one of Mitchell's best results, it was also confirmation that Britain too can abuse

the Group Three contest earliguidance of Ray Cochrane, swept clear for a three-length success over fellow Blighty travellers. The John Dunloptrained Garuda was second, and Lord Of Men, who won this afternoon.

Running Stag, under the race for John Gosden 12 months ago, completed the frame. "Everything went perfectly today," Mitchell reported. Another little man was to repeat that sentiment later in the

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2.00 Pegnitz 3.30 Lively Jacq 2.30 Creon 4.00 Dangerous Dancer (nb) 3.00 DOKOS (nap) 4.30 Mousehole

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Inskie.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best 5f & 8t E Figure-of-eight course, Level, with sharp turns, and long straights.

■ Course is N of town on A308 near junction 6 or MA. Stations at Windsor Central (service from London, Pacidington) and Windsor Filverside (service from London, Waterfloo)

1m. River bus stops at course. ADMISSIONs Calb £14: Tattarsalis £10; Silver Ring £4.

CAR PARK: Club 22: remainder £1.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Hatmon 36-262 (13.7%), Sir M Stoute 13-56 (23.2%), J Goeden 11-56 (15.7%), P Cole 11-93 (11.8%), H Cecil 10-31 (22.3%), C Well 10-67 (14.9%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 42-211 (19.9%), T Quinn 20-163 (12.9%), Paul Eddery 12-125 (8.9%), M Roberts 10-104 (9.6%), S Sentiers 9-126 (71%), M Hills 8-85 (9.4%). # FAVOURITES: 168-50 (229%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Jaybee Silver (200); Ebrick (300); First Legacy (visored,

| | 2 | .00 | WEATHERBYS TURF NEWSPAPERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,669 |
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| l | 1 | 04 | BOLLAN (37) (G Piper) R Simpson 9 () |
| ŀ | 2 | 52- | COPERNICUS (331) (Christopher Wright) P Cole 9 0 |
| ľ | 3 | QD | DISTINCT PLYER (77) (Blumbarn Thoroughbred Recorg) A Turnel 9 0 |
| ı | 4 | 66 | KIROLOV (5) (R N Bracher) R Armstrong 90R Price 6 |
| ı | 5 | 02 | MASSENET (73) (Shelich Michemmed) J Gosdan 90 |
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STAR FANTASY GEAR ON Arbits P Colo 90 ____S Whitworth 1 B 2 04 MYSTERWOUS ECOLOGY (\$29) (W J Gredey) B Hills 8 9 ~ 12 declared

BETTING: 5-2 Pagnitz, 6-1 Matganet, Myster fous Ecology, 13-2 Coperatous, 8-1 Star Fentiney, 10-1 Mr Hamed, Campari, 12-7 others 1997 Action Pete 3 9 0 J Red 4-1 (Sc M Stoute; drawn (S) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE Bollam: Looks farty ordinary on both efforts, perticularly his 17 lengths fourth of 6 to Willy Willy at Lingfield (fm 1f mich) and has plenty to find Coperations: Half-brother to springer Top Bonana. Neck, second to Pecko all-weather (tm) 17 months ago. Market the best guide after lay-off

Obstinct Pyer: 100-1, always behind when 23 lengths 22nd of 25 to Cloak Of Derkness here (%n 2) in June. Littler obvious chance Kirlion: Better effort when, weakened over 21 out, 8 lengths statu of 9 to Cuttl at Sandown (tm 2f). Little obvious chance and more likely to be a longe in handicaps. Massenet: Looked one for the future when, one pace final 3t, 16 lengths third of 7 to

Nectaws at Goodwood (fin 4f) in June. Worth noting in the betting Air Hamad: Rambow Quest colt. Little sign of ability when: 14-1 always behind. Sixth of 7 to Lear Spear at Sandown (fm) on debut Pegnitiz: One-time Derby hope. Outstanding chance on length third to Rabah at Good-wood (im 19 in May and also the one to beet on stront-head second to Be Gone at New-castle (im 19) following lay off. Stable in good form

ntesy: Sky Classic gelding out of winning sprinter Wandals Creen. ewold: Polish Precedent coll, half-brother to numerous winners including the useha Scarlet Plume. Worth a check in the market

part: Showed imited ability in five juvenile outings, finish 4% landths third to Nasikhi (gave 36) in a Porteinat fin nursery. Sidefined for ten months and difficult to fancy Jaybee Silver: First outing in 11 months for this former Mark Tompkins selling plate, who was visored on her final juvenile start and is blinkered here. Hard to fancy Mysterious Ecology: Sidelined since 6 lengths fourth of 17 to Tevenner Society at Kemp-ton (1m) after slow start 11 months ago. Possible outsider with stable in form

VERDICT: The ability shown by PEGNITZ in Pattern company merits him out as the one to beat in this company. He was below his best at Newcastle last time, but a mere one to useful the company has been held been at terminate as a first build in the repeat of that effort might be good enough to cope with the stow-majuring Madesent, who appears the most talented of some moderate opposition.

2.30 QUORTINA CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 3f 135yds Penalty Value £3,747

| 1 | 0-340 | THRASHING (1.6) (Seeed Manera) C British 97 |
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| 2 | | KING DARIUS (16) (E. John Perry) R Harrion 97 |
| 3 | 3334 | CREON (35) (Mohammed Al Nabouda) L Current 8 6 |
| 4 | 67-023 | FIRST MASTER (15) (Three's Lucky Pertnersho) Mas & Kallencey 9.2 |
| 5 | 04-003 | GOLDEN REPREMAND (51) (George E.K.Teo) R Hannon 9 1 |
| 6 | 303024 | AIR ATTACHE (USA) (15) (Challe Daymal) G Levis 9 1 |
| 7 | | RHERN HILL (12) (The Danetil Connection) P Herris 8 12 |
| 8 | , Ø33 | GENEROUS WAYS (37) (Cainsborough Stud Management) & Dunlop 8 ft |
| 9 | | SILVERTOWN (28) (Mrs B J Curley) B Curley 6.6 |
| 10 | | BORDER TRADER (14) (J Multipliand & Danny Hughes) J S Moore 86P P Marphy (3) & |
| 11 | | ACADEMY (12) (Serinain Thoroughbed Racing) A Turnel 8 4 |
| 12 | 000-4 | SECRECY (138) (H R H Phyce Feithd Seitmen) P Cole 8 (|
| 13 | 0-1008 | LITTLE BRAVE (12) (Brave Maple Pertnership) J Eustace 8 0 |
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— 13 doclared — BETTING: 6-1 First Muster, 7-1 Creon, Golden Raprierson, Air Attache, 8-1 King Darks, Si sown, Secrecy, Little Brave, 10-1 others 1997: Dead Am 3 9 4 L Detton 15-6 tav (I Belding) drawn (4) 8 ran

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Threathing: Signs of shifty on correspond when its lengths third to Capit at Newmaniat but has run poorly since. Binlaned when 40 lengths 10th of 11 to Generosity at Goodwood King Danius: Interesting proposition on his 3 lengths third to Jazzim at Newbury (in 41) in likey from 31b higher but little sparkle lest two starts. Worth a check in the besting Creom; Good third to Numebour here in May (in 21) and similar effort when 11/r lengths third to Clock of Darkness over same C/D in June but below par in lest two outings. He-First Meeter: Solid claims on 3/s lengths third of 8 to Southe at Sendown (tim 21). 16 lower here with Keeren Fellon shound. Exits 11% futurings should suit Golden Reprimands Promise of his fourth to Akuf at Newmarket tast backend unfulfilled. Planty to do on lettest 3 lengths third of 10 to Jamonn Dancer at Lingfield in June Air Attacher: Ran as though this trop would be ideal when 4 lengths fourth to Bathe in Light at Sendown (tim 6). On the upgrade and probably capable of better sitis Rhein Hill: Yet to he up to promise of fourth to Robsert at Pollessons (7) in April but longer trip could show this helf brother to lop stayer Tyrone Bridge in new light. Generous Ways: First sign of ability when 8 lengths third to Willy Willy at Lingfield (tim 11 mdn). Open to improvement but has more than his share of weight Silvertown: Ex-John Gosden. First run for new yand when Improved 2 lengths 4th of 17 to Grinkov over tim 21 here. Could go on again on this tester surface. Border: Has shown at title ability in maldens but will need to improve on latest 17 lengths hinth of 18 to Quintus here (tim 2) to play a leading role. Academy: Has not shown much sparkle since sorting over 71 at Brighton in May. Trying new trip after 3/s lengths abid of 12 to Clarose Kempton (tim Incap). Little Bravez Lifety to benefit from longer thy after staying-on 14 lengths sixth of 18 to Hurt Hill at Liciositer (tim 21 hough) but difficult to lancy. WERRICT: The lightly raced FIRST MASTER has put in solid efforts on his last two starts and looks capable of Improvement with a step up in hig. The switch from a 5th clariner to Kieren Fallon should also help his clause. Creen, whose best form has been on this course, looks the most lively denger, although Air Albache and Silvertown are also capable of taking a hand in a difficult rece.

2 00 COMPLETE GROUP STAKES (CLASS C) £7,750 added

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| 1 | 12-3 | DOKOS (USA) (10) (EF) (Nearthos Family) H Cecil 4 5 Tr |
| | | GREENLANDER (62) (Shekh Marwan Al Waktoum) C Brittain 3 8 10 |
| 3 | | 800 FREBOLY (114) (W.J. Gradley) 8 Hills 3 8 5 |
| 4 | | ETTRICK (NO) (156) (Nos J C Andrews) Mrs B Warmy 3 8 3 |
| 5 | 130-26 | MOUNTAIN SONG (47) (BIF) (Edipse Thoroughbreds) Sir M Prescott 3 8 3 S Sansters 6 |
| 6 | 1- | PUBLISHER (USA) (292) (Joseph Allen) J Fansheire 3 8 3 T Sprake 1 |
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- 6 Opcompt -BETTING: 2-1 Dokus, 3-1 Eco Friendly, 7-2 Mountain Song, 4-1 Greenlander, 8-1 Publisher, 59-1 Editions 1997 - Salmon Ladder 5 8 G Pat Eddery 10-11 fav (P Colo) drawn (4), 5 na

FORM GUIDE

Dokoa: 1997 Wood Dation winner. Appeared to have overcome deales of statis when, kept on well, 11% lengths third of 6 to Sadeys at Newmarket (tim 25) on first run for 15 months, Has big end-of-session engagements and is likely to improve good deal Greenlander. Not to build on juvenile promise, atthough good 6 lengths fifth to Sessings. Springs in Darts. Stokened arrole last to Dr. Forgs at Royal Ascet and difficult to assess Eco Friendly: Resed classic contender after bedeen Group 3 win in France last term and divided Counsous and Muhathir at Sandown (tim 25) in April. Statened since Chence at weights but long absence and ground a concern (best form in mud). Ethrick: New Zeeland import. Probably best watched first run here. Mountain Song: 1% length third to King Of Kings at Counsel last term. Falled to live up to promise of cometexis econd to Silence Reigns at Doncaster when 6 lengths seth of 10 to Happy Velationine at Kempton (tim 25) but could take a franci Publisher: Lodied a levermedous proposit when beeing Star Cysels a neck on his Yannouth (tim) debut last term but a huge individual and clearly difficult to train. Usely to be prefly straight for cometexis and worth noting in the market. FORM GUIDE

VERDICT: Expectations are clearly high that Doloos will make the grade, and his reappearance third at Newmarket suggests he retains plenty of ability. But he has had plenty of problems and a more retable proposition could be MOUNTAIN SONG, whose south to Happy Valentine at Kampton gives him a fair chance against some

| [| 3.30 49'S NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £7,198 | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | 3403 | LEARNED FRIEND (19) (J.C Smith) R Harmon 9 7 | | | | | | |
| 2 | | CUBISM (USA) (31) (D) (KY Lim) J HBs 95, | | | | | | |
| 3 | 12 | GREY PRINCESS (28) (CD) (SR) (The Commitments) P Harris 9 2R Smith (7) 7 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 2200 | COLLEGE MUSIC (41) (Mail Britton) M Britain 87,D Marriagh (7) 1 | | | | | | |
| 5 | 016544 | CH I SAY (12) (C) (G L H Lederman & Mr R A M Lederman) M Bel 8 6 R Midlen (2) 10 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 234440 | BANNINGHAM BRICEZE (16) (Crown Select) K hory 8.5 | | | | | | |
| 7 | | LIVELY JACQ (8) (D) (JTB Racing) C Allen 88 | | | | | | |
| 8 | | KURSIANG (24) (C I T Recing Ltd) 8 R Milmon 7 (2 | | | | | | |
| 9 | | SUNTY (15) (John Purcell) C Deyer ? 10 | | | | | | |
| | | LADY PEPPIATT (25) (D) (Keyn) Reddington) J S Moore 7 (1) | | | | | | |

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weights: Burry 7st 9th, Ledy Pepples; 7st 6th. BETTING: 3-1 Grey Princess, 8-2 Lively Jacq, 6-1 Kurwiang, 13-2 Cabiana, 7-1 Leural Oh I Sey, 11-1 Benningham Brueza, Burrly, 16-1 College Munic, Lady Pepplett

Learned Priend: Not processing as promeed when 3 lengths fourth to Nimale et New Catalaga: Propasay inspered by reymouth debut with it sowly-full race and exposed when 8 lengths lest of 4 to Locombe Hill at Newbury (BI). Tough task on latest affort Gray Phincese: Sightly disappointing when besten 2 lengths by Fast Musical over C/D following wins here and at Salisbury but on a useful mark and has to be on shortlist College Music: Early-season Newcastle winner. Found to have back problem after 27 lengths last of 9 to Courtesan at Pontetract (6f). Possibly best watched for present Oh I Say: Early-season winner here and at Nottinghesm. Generally below form six apart from fourth to Double Choice at Lecester. DKI not appear to stay 8 last time Benningham Bresse: Looks resonably treeted on 2% lengths fourth to Bodfari Street at Haydock last month. Subsequent efforts disappointing (tried in visor) but booking of

ement claimer Neil Polland could be atomificant ament carrier real rosset could be agreeded. Raised 7th for brave 14 length win over Sengeent fork at Vernouth (8) but may have more to give Kuraleng: First real sign of ability when staying on 8 lengths fourth to Dkn Ofen in slow-ly-un 6 Chepstow malder last time. Has since joined Rod Millman from Martyn Meade and looks interesting contender but might need farther Burnty: Staying on wall when 2½ lengths tourth to Shirley Not at Chester (51) and could

improve again over this trip. Stable has a good record in nurseries

Lady Peoplatic Sealer in seling class before landing Southwell at weather claimer. Looks fairly well exposed and has stiff task from 4th out of the handicap VERDICT: GREY PRINCESS had some useful sorts behind when winning at Salisbury and it may pay to ignore her subsequent defeat by First Musical. She appeals as one of the best treated and has the bonus of a 7to dearner to put her on an enticing mark. Kurstang looks an interesting candidate for Rod Milman, and it would be foolish to rule out Lively Jacq, who may have more to give.

A OO TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E)

| 4 | .00 | £4,600 added 2YO fillies 5f 10yds Penalty | Value £3,29 |
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| | 22 | DANGEROUS DANCER (12) (BF) (Stephen Crown) B Hills B 11 | |
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| | 644 | NOR'S INVESTMENT (88) (WIM Parry) D Elsecrift 8 6 | N Politized (5) 1 |
| | | SKEP CHURCH (Lord Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 8.8 | |
| | 00 | BROCKTON SAGA (S) (Mrs D A La Trobe) B Meeten 84 | G Hancoo (?) |
| | 60 | RRST LEGACY (91) (Mel Britain) M Britain 84 | D Mernagh (7) 9 |
| | | PANISHEE (The Penalthy Partnership) O Artschnot 8 4 | S Whitecontin |
| | 5 | PETROVNA (14) (Dr Susan Barnes) P Giligan 8 4 | |
| | | ROBNOOR GIRL (54) (Jimm Pacing) R Harmon B 4 | |
|) | | MESS TRAXDATA (12) (Traxbita) M Bell 82 | |
| | | PRESELI MAGEC (16) (The Presell Partnership) D Haydh Jones 8 2 | |
| ! | | SERIEN TEG (6) (Mrs A.G. Philips) B Paling B 2 | |
| | | VEGA NEUTRAL (80) (Jame Donoser) P Stelespose 8 2 | |
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Denganous Dancar: Showed enough what second to Riberac here and when 11% length runner-up to Yabint & Shem at Leicester 68 to suggest she will be good enough Cardelight. Robeilino filly out of all winner by Candelight. Avoir's investment: Continued her steady improvement when 6 lengths fourth of 10 behind Red Delinum at Goodwood (88) in May, Capable of a bold show but 15-week absence weeks.

sence a worry Sidp Church: College Chapel filly, half-edler to writing sprinter Tremsimo. Bred to be wap Canutat: Coega Crape by, replease to wiving spring transmit. Died to be peoly but table youngstare usually need the experience location Saga: Revealed some signs of ability when 12 lengths math of 14 to Deadly lightsheds at Bath (3) but has plerby to find first Lagacy: Creditable first run when 10 lengths south to Pipelong at York. (3) in May ut flooped (lest of 13) at Massaburgh next time. Vecreal here and possibly best watched terrorines to 14 when, weakened inside lest turlong, 9 lengths fitth of 18 to Miss Universe user CID. People le intervals.

Over CID Possible Improver Rosemon Sint: Improved on debut effort when staying-on 7 lengths seventh of 18 to Al-most Amber at Salisbury (SI). Plently to find but worth a check in the market filles Theodels: Vintually ignored in the market and always bettind after slow start when Is lengths 15th of 21 to Pies Shaikh on Lebester 81 debut. Hard to lency Presell Magic: Had several subsequent winners behind when third to Sampower Star it Folkestone but looked a tricky ride next time and is hard to tency in this company seren Reg: Some signs of shifty when 6 lengths fifth of 14 to Deadly Nightshede at Bath 51 under a considerate ride and could improve enough to take a hand. Siff under a considerate ride and could improve enough to take a hand.

Vega Neutral: 50-1, showed early speed when 4 lengths tenth of 14 to She-Wolff on Bath of debut in May. This extra furlong could be a problem

VERDICT: DANGEROUS DANCER has shown sufficient in her two cutnings to sugshe will have all the answers in what tooks a very moderate heat. Ivor's lines it, whose connections rarely huny their youngsters, looks the abwous danger.

4.30 MARLOW ADDITIONAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS

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| 2 | 214600 | FACILE TIGRE (B) (D) (O G Chuston) S Dow 3 to 0 |
| 3 | 55-000 | INDIAN SILVER (5) (Anthony Andrews) M Channon 3 9 9 P Cleary (3) (|
| 4 | 4720 | BARRANAX (19) (0) (M Mac Carthy) G McCount 6 9 8 |
| 5 | 26556 | ZEPPO (5) (The Plyform Syndicate) B R Milmon 3 9 7 Cheryl Mosworthy (8) : |
| | | SKY RED (12) (D) (Terry Notit) M Bell 395 |
| 7 | 321000 | DANCING MYSTERY (14) (CD) (Austin Stoud & Co) E Wheeler 4 & 13 B O'Leany (3) (|
| 8 | 550045 | FRIENDLY BRAVE (14) (0) (Tempus Fugli) Miss G Kelleway 8 8 3 R Cody-Boutcher 3 6 |
| 9 | 00-040 | ASHKERNAZY (24) (CD) (London Bridge II) N Berry 7 8 2 Serah Jackson (3) 9 |
| 10 | 640540 | NELLIE NORTH (S) (CD) (The Oid Biddles) A Chambedain 5 7 fl L November (S) : |
| 11 | 0000000 | ZARREA (11) (Pare Stakes Partnership) R Plower 3.7 Tl |
| Ø | 0-0000 | DANCING JACK (14) (D) (Mrs J M Stamp) J Bridger 5 7 10 |
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Affrienum weight: 7st 10th. True handisap weight: Denning Jack 7st 2th. BETTING: 9-2 Sky Rad, 8-1 Mousebole, 11-2 Berranuk, 7-1 Neille North, 8-1 Zeppo, Friendly Bri 10-1 Fester Tigne, Canache Mystery, 12-1 otbers 1997: Opening Range 8 7 t0 P Bradley 14-1 (N Berry) drawn (2) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE

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Mousehole: Continued his run of good efforts when overcoming trouble to best Bremble Bear 11/s langths at Beth 65). 11b above best winning mark but in form and well drawn Facilit Tigner. Seems to have lost the form that earned him a Brighton win from 2b lower in June. Already beaten when hampered behind Mousehole at Beth 55) indian Silver. Looked a decent prospect when placed at Kempton and York last seeson but his shown nothing in time outings this seeson. Bernanetic Lingfield winner in June. Seemed to be feeling effects of a busy campaign last two starts and bottom in the hamicapper's grip for the present. Zeppor, Namon winner at Lingfield in June from 2b lower. Running well and not best of luck when 7 lengths about 14 to Half Tone at Sandown (55) last time. Go close. Sky Radt. Neck winner from Marinio Street in 5-runner Varenouth hamicap last time. 2b lower here and closely veligitate with Zeppo on earlier Beth nursing Major candidate. Denoting Mayebray: Lite luck in nursing three starts since beating Stock Hill Dancer?, length over CD in June from Ab Lower. Showd intreed 18th in good form when ninth to Double Occar from poor draw at Goodwood and goes well for appreciate. Prelandly Branet Winner from 17th higher on all-weather last backend. Best run for long white when never never 2 lengths shot of 16 to Maladerie over CD is strine. Ashibernaty: Chepstow winner ast term and chance on 4 lengths fourth to Mangus at Lingfield (55) in June from 8th higher. Pen moderately last time lolowing by celft Nellie North: Courte winner, in good form with 11/s length that for the Maladerie here this month and last fourth to Camithia at Salebury. By no means out of the argument Zeriffs Hard puter whose last time efforts of the fifte hope Dancer Best Courte winner and the efforts of the fifte hope.

SEX time, start fiscarry rise restrict. Here to serrey bricky puzzle could be the course watered DANCING MYSTERY, whose effort behind the better drawn Double Oscar at Good-wood makes good reading now. With fairly experienced handling, he is on the right mark to best Mousehole, Zappo, Sky Red and Neltie North, who can all be given

HAMILTON

2.15 Beau Roberto 2.45 Falls O'Moness 3.15 Who's Miletrian 3.45 Bestemor 4.15 Golden Biff 4,45 Trojan Hero

GOING: Soft GOING: Soft.

STALLS: Im 8. Im11 - Inside; remainder - stands' side.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 91 and 61.

Ill Right-hand undukting course with pear-shaped loop.

Ill Course is N of from on B7071. Hamilton West station (service from Glasgow) Im ADMISSION: Out 512: Grandstand and Paddock 87 (51) for OAPs. disabled 8 students). Accompanied under 18s fine 81 enclosures. CAR PARIC Free.

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IL EADING TRANSERS: M Johnston 38-26 (205%), J Berry 36-239 (61%), Miles L Perratif 23-270 (85%), P Hastem 21-02 (206%).

IL EADING JOCKEYS: J Weaver 45-69 (265%), K Darley 33-69 (166%), J Fortune 30-48 (205%), J Carnoll 29-227 (126%).

IL FAVOURITES: 224-607 (365%).

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2.15 RACING CHANNEL LIVE AT LUNCHTIME APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 4f

FORM VERDICT This weakly-contested race affords a good opportunity for URGENT REPLY, who was set for two much to do in an am-steur riders' race last time. Previously in excellent form, he is readily preferred to the consistent Beeu Roberto.

2.45 RACING CHANNEL TALKING HORSES SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) 23,000

added 1m 1f36vds

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weights: My Handsome pance 7st 72. Ngare Princest 7st dib. BETTING: 5-1 Westler, 5-1 Felle C'Montée, 7-1 Celebration Celar, 5-1 Queen Of Stamon, Weltz Time, Westbridge Led, 10-1 Glan Ogil, Mrs Middle, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT There is plenty of dead wood here; only a handful make serious appeal. Queen Of Shermon, consistent at this level and light the ground will be popular but does look vulnerable at the weight so perhaps the dropped in grade SARATOGA RED can capitalise on a handy looking mark.

3.15 RACING CHANNEL TRAINER FILES

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| Z | 000 | OH FROSISHER (33) C Parks' 9 (Language Language |
| 3 | 3 | WHO'S MILETRIAN (104) M Chernon 89 A Mackey 9 |
| ž | 072860 | BEVERLEY MONREY (5) (C) (D) J Berry 88_P Bradley (7) 4 8 |
| 5 | | JUST GREY Man L Perratt 86 Michaeley (7) 6 |
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| ž | 003404 | SKYMISTRESS (3) M Date 8 0 |
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- : occurrer -BETTING: 3-1 Whe's Miletrian, 4-1 Smokin, 5-1 Beverley Monkey, 7-1 Signaletrian, Ski Junep, 8-1 Junt Grey, 10-1 Lady Iona, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT
This will (also title withing and, despite his 104-day abos
WHO'S MILETRIAN should open his account. Simplicin
Beverley Monkey can fight out the forecast spot.

3.45 CAPTAIN J.C. STEWART MEMORIAL HAND-ICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added: 1m 65yds

Filey Brigg can be given a chance if recepturing her juve-nie torm but TIPPERARY SUNSET looked to be returning to his best last time and gate the vote. Bestemmer has clarified if handling the oots ground while Swift and Kemo Sebo are

4.15 E.B.F. RACING CHANNEL AVAILABLE ON TELEWEST MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YQ 6f CLARINCH CLAYMORE J. Jefferson 9 0

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05 TURNEL (8) M Obrison 9 0 O Deep McKrosom 3
05 TURNEL BRIDGE (21) K Ryan 9 0 TURNEL 60 O CAMMORE 10 O CAMMOR 11
VALE OF LEVEN K Ryan 9 0 A CAMMOR 8
0 PREMIERE DIVISION (21) Medicard 9 N Kennindy 1
— 11 decisard -– 11 decisred – BETTING: 3-1 Turtle, 7-2 Spy, 9-2 Golden Biff, 8-1 Mimisy-Piralny, 10-1 Kalahari Ferrari, Tunnel Bridge, 12-1 Premiere Division, 14-1 others

This looks an ideal opportunity for SPY to open his account. He looked a sure-fire tuture winner after running Hyphen close at Newcastie last time and may have most to lear from Tur-tie. The newcomer Lord Bergerac is worth noting in the

4.45 SUNDAY MAIL ROCKAYON HANDICAP

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| | | TROJAN HERO (SAF) (6) Mire M Reveloy 7 9 12 A Cultione 2 |
| 3 | | CAMEO (10) M Channon 39 11 |
| 4 | | DOUBLE POWER (46) (D) L Lloychlames 3 9 Tr. K Hodgson 15 B |
| 6 | | SLEEFY BABY (38) W Kemp 3 9 8 |
| 8 | 6000SD | FAIRY DOMENO (4) (CD) M Ourn 3 9 3F Norton 5 |
| 7 | 444005 | SEFF-EM (S) (CD) Mass L. Perrett 4 9 3 |
| g | G1300- | SUEDORO (325) (CD) J Golde 8 9 3 |
| 9 | 200650 | HENRY THE HAWK (5) (CD) M Dods 790 |
| 10 | 440230 | MUKARRAS (USA) (14) D Chapman 49 (|
| | | HAYBURINER (18) M W Easterby \$ 6 13 |
| | | DUBAI NURSE (5) A Diction 48 ft |
| 13 | 340504 | PALLIUM (30) (CD) D Noian 10'8 11 Wesser 9 B |
| | | MELESTIME (14) (D) M Wane 6 8 10 A Wholen 12 Y |
| Б | 004000 | TURF MOCIR (38) E Alston 3 & 1)Melania Worden (7) 17 |
| 18 | 02900 | SUPERFRALLS (12) (CD) Miss L Siddel 5 89 L Commock 13 |
| 7 | -0080D | LOCH HUFF LADY (13) (0) K Hogg 488 K Durley 14 |
| 19 | 060304 | CAPTAIN CARAT 59 (D) D Cherman 788 T Wittens 1 |

BETTING: 8-1 Yadjun Harri, 7-1 Captain Carat, 8-1 Makanyah, 10-1 Dabai Musak, Gurn, SupeririBs, 12-1 BBF-Em, Heyberner, Ref Moor, 14-1 others

FORM VERDICT if was a definite adventage to be charm high last week and on that basis DOUBLE POWER in the 15 stall gate the nod. Elimiters first-time can corretimes be off putting but they may just sharpen Double Power up after 6 46-day absence. She acts well in the soft and the drop back to the minimum trip will also suit. It may not be ideal for Trojan Hero, a solid sec-and here lest week over 6t and Biff-Em and Dubai Nurse, who finished behind, may take their revenge. Superfrills and Middantsh are others to consider

Nunthorpe juveniles

THE TRAINER Jack Berry ner Bolshoi can put a poor run wants to let his two-year-old Speedy James take on older rito convince the colt's owner to est effort at Chester. go for the Group One sprint

However, Bryan McMahon is committed to running his juvenile Perugino Bay. McMahon is hoping for the best from Perugino Bay, winner of a nursery at York last month.

Both trainers will saddle older horses, with Berry full of hope King's Stand Stakes win-

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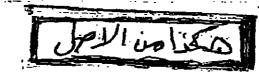
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at Chester behind him, McMahon hopes his Palace House vals in the Nunthorpe Stakes at Stakes winner Yorkies Boy can York on Thursday but still has also bounce back from a mod-William Hill make John Dunlop's July Cup winner Elnadim

the 6-4 favourite. NUNTHORPE STAKES WEINTHOMPE STAKES
WEINER HILL: 84 Enaction 7-2 Artacles Hero.
51 Land Of Dreams, 10-1 Lochanger 11-1
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23-1 Speedy James, 33-1 Avert, Easycall
Yorkies Boy, 40-1 Dasting Blue Rambling
Bear, 50-1 Almsty, 66-1 Perugno Bay

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Hungarian Grand Prix: German closes gap to seven points as Hakkinen finds trouble with his McLaren

Schumacher proves sublime

By DERICK ALLSOP in Budapest

TRITE HIM off at your peril. Just when it seemed even Michael Schumacher was powerless to prevent Mika Hakkinen's relentiess march towards the world championship, the Ferrari driver put on a virtuoso performance here yesterday that keeps the contest alive.

As Schumacher went clear to win the Hungarian Grand Prix, Hakkinen was wrestling his broken McLaren-Mercedes to sixth place. Now they are separated by only 7 points with four races remaining

This twist in the saga, the significance of the occasion and the sheer brilliance of Schumacher's driving were reflected in the scenes of jubilation at the end. A cause was reborn. The German, under guid-

ance from his technical director and mentor, Ross Brawn, opted for a three-stop strategy rather than the two favoured by McLaren, and then called on his unrivalled ability to pour on the pace and tilt the balance of the grand prix.

Having taken the lead after his second stop, he was set his target to facilitate a third visit to the pits - open up a 25-second advantage in 19 laps.

As Schumacher went about his task, Hakkinen's car was rendered impotent by a suspected shock-absorber failure and David Coulthard, taking over in second place at the wheel of the ther McLaren, had no answer o the irresistible force.

Schumacher emerged from his third stop comfortably ahead and the 32nd victory of his career was assured, despite an unscheduled trip across the grass on the 52nd lap. Coulthard came in a dejected second, 9.43sec down, Jacques Villeneuve was again third for the revived Williams team, and Damon Hill fourth to confirm Jordan's resurgence.

"It was fantastically emotional at the end," Schumacher said. "The people went mad. Thanks to them for helping me and making this one of my most special wins.

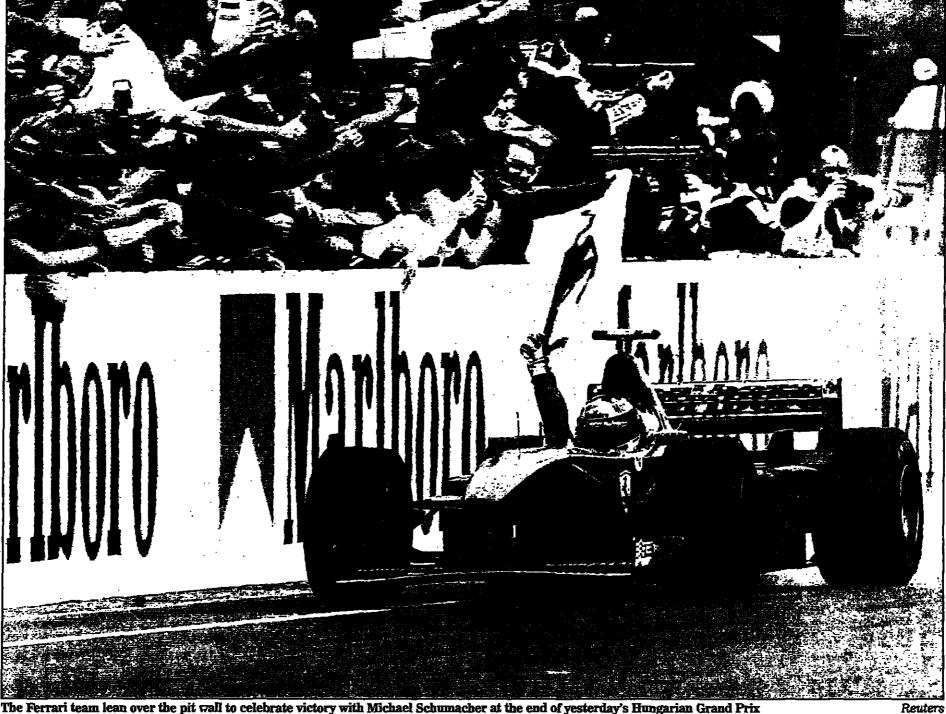
like this might happen, but I thought it was only a dream. I could not expect this. The team the right strategy and did great job.

"It didn't work at the start and I had to push like hell when Ross decided to go for the three stops. When he told me what I had to do, I said thanks very much'. It was like 60 qualifying laps in all, but it worked."

Schumacher, starting third on the grid behind Hakkinen and Coulthard, was held at bay in the first sector of the race and found himself tracking Villeneuve after his first stop. It was at that stage Brawn took the decision to make an extra stop.

McLaren responded by bringing in Coulthard, then Hakkinen, but they had been outwitted by Ferrari and the initiative had been ceded. Schumacher was in front and off the

"I couldn't understand when I couldn't see Mika ahead of me," Schumacher said after- he's done it before."



wards. "I didn't realise he was already behind me."

"I had a dream something performance and became almost uncontrollable. Coulthard was handed the responsibility of chasing Schumacher, but it was a forlorn challenge.

A disconsolate Coulthard said: "The pace Michael was able to run at before his last stop was phenomenal. I just wasn't able to push. It was impossible once he was ahead. It was a remarkable performance by Michael. My tyres were done 15 laps from the end. With hindsight, you have to say the three-

stop strategy was right." Brawn, whose calm, calculated guidance played a significant part in Schumacher's two championship successes at Benetton, rated this victory

"pretty high up with his best". "Michael always rises to the occasion. We started the race with an open strategy, but once we were behind we had to go for the three stops. It was a gamble, but then we had nothing to lose. I told him what he had to do and it was asking a lot, but

Hakkinen was like a man shackled to a chair as thieves Frentzen in the other Williams. struggie for survival. His car lost tiques. One by one, places were the end and cling on to that one, taken from him: by Villeneuve, perhaps precious, point.

HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

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(Japan) Marcul-Ford +3; 16 A. Warz (Aut)
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7 laos, 305.844km (190.048 miles)

Ferrari 1hr 45min 25,550sec

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then Hill, then Heinz-Harald

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1 M Hakkinen (Fin)

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5 J Villeneuve (Can)

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Drivers'

He said: "It was very frustrating sitting there, unable to Hakkinen was faced with a stole his paintings and an- It was all he could do to reach do anything about it as the other cars went past me. There

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was just undriveable and almost impossible to keep on the road.

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This is obviously not good gium. Schumacher's spiritual home, where he has won four

times. He said: "It seems to be a lucky place for me, close to my home and a special circuit. I love it and I am looking forward to going there, There's no rea-10 10 6 - 10 10 - 4 6 10 10 1 77 son why we shouldn't be competitive again. We have made

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more to come." Hill's rehabilitation continues, even if he could not quite match his results of recent years here. Five previous visits have yielded two wins and three second places.

improvements and we have

but I am still leading and in the

next race I shall be looking for

That race is at Spa in Bel-

He said: "It's my worse result for six years, but I can't be disappointed. Fourth place was realistically the best I could hope for this time. I had two tough battles, with Jacques and then with Heinz-Harald. I was exhausted at the end of it. It was a very hard race for me."

Johnny Herbert finished 10th in his Sauber Petronas and Eddie Irvine was forced to retire his Ferrari with a broken

Rydell stays on track in the wet

By NICK PHILLIPS

RICKARD RYDELL, the British Touring Car Championship leader, managed to put one disastrous race behind him and keep his points lead looking healthy by finishing third for Volvo in the second event at Knockhill in Scotland.

The veteran former grand prix driver Derek Warwick scored his first touring car win for Vauxhall and the series man of the moment, Anthony Reid, in his Nissan, took the other.

Warwick's win came in an extraordinary feature race in which the miserable weather at the Scottish track played a full

The track was almost dry when the race started and Warwick was immediately in trouble. Honda's James Thompson had stalled at the front of the grid and, as cars behind swerved, there was a clash in which Warwick was involved. This resulted in his team-mate John Cleland, bravely racing with cracked ribs, being pushed off into the gravel trap and re-

Reid had made a great start from pole, but his lead disappeared when the safety car was scrambled to allow Cleland's car to be moved to safety. As the field followed the safety car Warwick pitted twice once to have body damage patched up and then, as the rain started falling, for deepgrooved wet weather tyres.

For several laps it looked as though Warwick's gamble had failed. The track was not as wet as his team predicted it would become - just yet.

At the front Reid had spun off after contact with Renault's Alain Menu who moved into the

When the rain became heavier all the top runners headed for the pits and Warwick worked his way into the lead. Of the rest, Rydell and Audi's Yvan Muller timed their stops best, while Menu lost time with a sticking wheel nut.

Before the end, Muller had passed Rydeli to take second place – his and Audi's first podium finish of the year. Rydell was third, with Menu fourth and Reid seventh.

Rydell's day had started badly when he was a victim of a first-corner fracas in the sprint race. He then had to watch his three closest rivals in the points table take the podium places.

Reid led throughout from pole position, never looking seriously threatened by the chasing pack, and the Scot went on to take his first ever win on home soil.

Thompson was second from Menu, with Muller providing all the action with a series of sometimes robust moves which took him from sixth place up to third, before a failed challenge for second put him back to

Rydell still holds the upper hand, but with six rounds left to run, Menu, Reid and Thompson are all still well in the hunt.

Sampras gets back into the groove

PETE SAMPRAS moved one victory away from regaining the world No 1 ranking after overcoming the big-serving Swede Magnus Larsson 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 for a place in the ATP Championship final in Cincinnati.

But the Wimbledon champion was given a tough time by Larsson and dropped his first set of the tournament before setting up a showdown with the US Open champion, Patrick day, but promptly lost his first Rafter in the final, which was

defend his title successfully against the Australian to take Davis Cup final last winter. back the top spot from Marcelo Rios when the new rankings are released today.

Sampras will have started favourite as he has beaten Rafter eight times and suffered his only loss against the Australian as far back as 1993.

The Chilean Rios snatched the top ranking away last Monmatch this week to put his po-

to be played late last night. sition in danger Larsson had Sampras will have needed to beaten Sampras in their last three meetings, including the

> serve. It's like it's coming down a row. from a crane," said Sampras. "He beat me three times last year and he steamrolled me in the second set. But I got that early break in the third and he seemed to give up a bit."

Rafter is coming into form at just the right time with the defence of his Open crown in New York just a fortnight away.

The third-ranked Australian a good position to win her first TIM HENMAN has a good reached his second final in as many weeks by beating Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov 7-5, 6-0 "He's got a devastating for his ninth singles victory in

> "This is my best effort so far, nine straight winning matches," he said. "The whole game's come together. I'm serving well, volleying pretty well, hitting my groundstrokes OK." But Rafter admits that he faces a hard task to repeat his 1997 suc-

> cess at Flushing Meadow. Martina Hingis put herself in

> > PONTEFRACT

WTA Tour title in three months by beating Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-4, 6-4 in the semi-finals of the Manhattan Beach event in California.

The second seed, Lindsay Daven-port, brushed aside American compatriot and fourth seed Monica Seles 6-4 6-2 to book a meeting with the 17year-old Swiss. Hingis last won a tourna-

ment in May and is gearing up to defend her US Open title at the end of this month.

chance of climbing above Greg Rusedski for the first time in more than a year during the coming week.

Not only does Henman, now world No 11, move to within a mere 300 points or so of Rusedski when today's world rankings are announced, he has by far the more favourable draw of the two Britons in this week's event at New Haven, Connecticut.

Henman has been seeded sixth at the upgraded Pilot Pen International, with a probable

the Dutchman was defending Wimbledon last year.

Henman on way up

The most serious threats to Henman en route seem to be the ATP Championship in either the hard-serving American Jonathan Stark, or the subtle Frenchman Fabrice Santoro, the only male top-30 player to use two hands on both

By contrast Rusedski, sixth in the world, but certain to fall in the rankings, will play his first real match for two months

LINGFIELD

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quarter-final against Richard against a tough opponent. This Krajicek, whom he beat when is Magnus Larsson, the skyscraper Swede, whose ferocious hitting troubled Pete Sampras in the semi-finals of

Cincinnati on Saturday.

The British No 1 has been seeded third at the RCA Championships in Indianapolis, and though he has a first round bye he may find it hard to progress.

Rusedski has been practising for less than three weeks. and the ankle he injured in June still swells after a session.

SPORTS BETTING Arsenal should cut down Forest

BY IAN DAVIES

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TITLE HOLDERS after a second half of the season surge in which they notched 45 points, at least 10 more points than any other side, and bang in form judging by their facile 3-0 victory over Manchester United in the Charity Shield, Arsenal should give Nottingham Forest prid time in their Premierslap ta 3-0 victory to the Gunners looks on the cards - Coral offer 17-2 about said scoreline)

game at Highbury tonight. Time has yet to catch up with the Gunners' back four and, manuel Petit and Patrick Vieira offer 5-1 Liverpool, 11-2 Chelsea

in midfield, Marc Overmars (from 4-1), 20-1 West Ham, 25-1 and Ray Parlour down the flanks and the brilliant Dennis Bergkamp and the blindingly fast Nicolas Anelka (who with Bergkamp likely to drop the deeper of the two, looks the best bet to be first goal-scorer at 9-2 with Coral and William Hill) up front, the London club have a favourite's chance of defending their title. Arsenal have been cut from

2-1 to 7-4 favourites by William Hill, who have lengthened Manchester United from 2-1 to 9-4 after their unimpressive "Desmond" (2-2) at home to Leicester on Saturday and also Blackburn and Leeds.

Forest will find life tough in the top division which is pulling further away from the First Division with each successive season. Forest are 6-4 to go down with William Hill, who have cut Spurs' relegation odds from 8-1 to 7-2 and make Charlton 8-13 to go down with Sheffield Wednesday at 5-4. Wimbledon are 7-4.

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Monty's head on another block

BY ANDY FARRELL in Seattle

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has often remarked that there is only one thing worse than constantly being mentioned as a player who is expected to win a major championship - and that is not being expected to win a major At least that comes without the constant scrutiny that dogs not only Montgomerie but

Both saw any hope that they might change their status in the game before leaving Sahalee disappear in the third round of the 80th USPGA Championship yesterday. Mickelson, starting the day at level par, shot a 78. Montgomerie, who was one behind the half-way leader. Vijay Singh, shot a 77 to fall to four over par The Scot went into yesterday's final round 11 strokes behind Singh and Steve

He fell a further shot behind after finding a green-side bunker at the first. When he missed his par-saving putt from eight feet, the Montgomerie visage crumpled in resignation. Further bogeys did not improve the mood. He found the trees off the tee at the third and was over the green at the fourth, but got up and down from a bunker for par at the sixth. Another drop shot at the eighth hole put Montgomerie out in 39. four over par, before he finally got into his stride by birdieing the 10th and the parfive 11th.

A birdie at the second on Saturday had actually put Montgomerie into the lead. But his his long game, overcome by a sparky putter on the first two days, began to show up the European No 1 on a course with

no room for error. This time his putter could not save him either. Montgomerie suffered double-bogeys at the eighth and 18th in contrast to looked to be having a stinker early in his round but forged a level-par 70 to leave himself

lurking in the pack chasing the leaders, which also included the defending champion, Davis Love, the 1995 winner, Steve Elkington, and the Masters and Open champion, Mark O'Meara.

Montgomerie thought long and hard after missing the cut at the Open. "I'm not there on Saturdays enough," he said after embarking on extensive preparations for Sahalee. He decided to see a putting specialist and to work harder on the

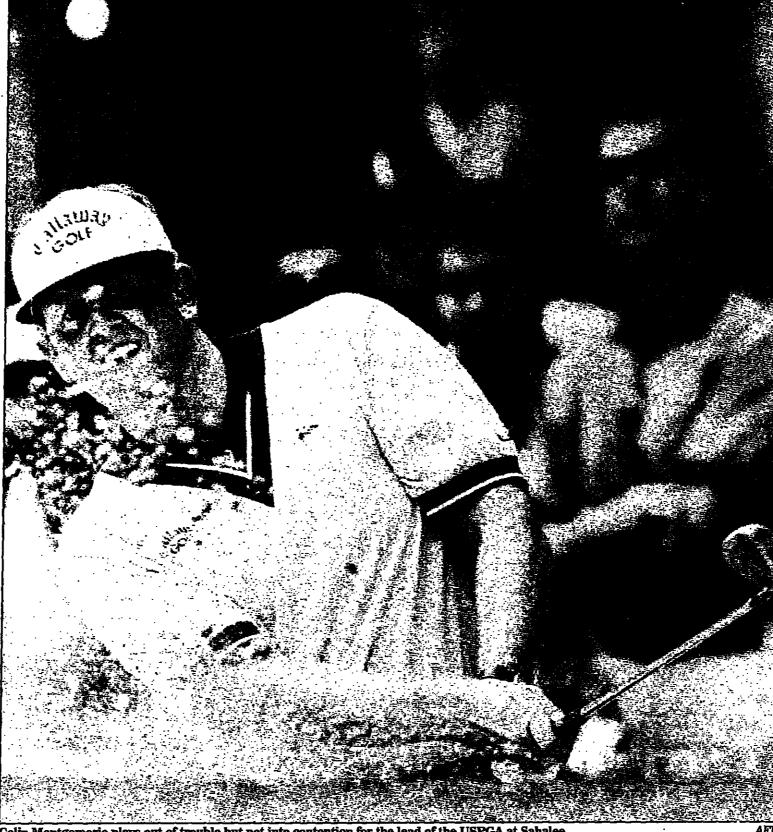
convinced himself that his putting has not been up to the also worked with Ian Woosnam in Seattle, gave him a more positive attitude on the greens.

But what Montgomerie has chosen to ignore is that he may be missing more putts because his birdie chances are further from the hole and he has needed to get up and down more often. His long game has not been as consistent as in the past. The simple action that had never been tampered with meant he hit every shot straight with the hint of a fade.

Now, however, he is either hooking the ball or blocking it right. This may be a consequence of work a couple of years ago with his old teacher, Bill Ferguson. At that point they tried to give Montgomerie the option of drawing the ball to give him a better chance at Augusta. Ironically, his best finish at a major this season came when he was eighth at the

Ferguson, who taught the young Montgomerie to play at Ilkley Golf Club in Yorkshire, was championship then started to - fired at the end of 1996. Last year unravel. The erratic nature of Denis Pugh was his advisor, but the Scot ended the relationship because he was unhappy about getting too technical

Pugh would probably agree his work was only half finished. He has suggested he made Montgomerie's best better but is a small flaw in his game that most weeks on the regular tour is not a problem but which is exposed at times of great pres-



Colin Montgomerie plays out of trouble but not into contention for the lead of the USPGA at Sahalee

that Woosnam started to use a major is third. the same coach may have been one of them - he is the swing. After a wretched opening session at Valderrama in last year's Ryder Cup, Ferguson was called in for emer-

gency aid and Monty never looked back. Montgomerie, 35, has now played in 30 majors, exactly half as many as the late-blossoming O'Meara. Mickelson, seven years younger, has played only four fewer majors

Whatever the reasons for reputation Like Montgomerie, the split between Mont- he is a prolific winning of tour gomerie and Ferguson - and events but his best showing in

"As things mount," the forman to sort out the Scot's Miller said, "it is like a horse going round the track and every time you don't win, you have to add another brick to the saddle. You hate to see guys labelled and have to deal

with it. It's getting brutal now." Nick Faldo added: "Now a good player really has a monkey on his back to get off. Before, if you were a good player, it was like, Good luck to you. maybe you'll win one'. Now the but not lived up to his early finger is pointed."

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Dalton crashed over the line in

injury time to record the win.

Taine Randell, said: "It was un-

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Springboks played with a lot of

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Argentina trounced the US

Eagles 52-24 in a World Cup

The All Blacks captain,

Sherrie grabs a sweet victory ,

BY TIM GLOVER at Royal Lytham and St Anne's

WITH IMPECCABLE timing. Sherrie Steinhauer won the Weetabix British Women's Open striking a glorious blow at the ultimate hole. The 35-yearold from Madison, Wisconsin, who began the tournament with an 81, finished with a bestof the day 69 to win the £100,000 first prize.

Steinhauer, whose only other notable victory came in the Du Maurier classic six years ago. began the day four strokes behind the leader Janice Moodie and ended it two ahead of the Scot who closed with a 75, three over par for the day, six over for ; the championship.

Moodie had seen off the challenge of her playing part-ner, the 43-year-old Betsy King but was caught and then overtaken not only by Sherrie but also Brandie and Sophie.

In her rookie year. Moodie. who is incligible for the Salheim Cup Match between Europe and US at Muirfield Village. Ohio, next month because she has not played a sufficient number of tournaments in Europe. won £30,000 for fourth place, but a lack of conviction on the greens cost her dearly.

She seemed set to enjoy the Weetabix with milk and honey when she birdied the eighth and the 12th to leave the field trailing behind her blonde pony-tail but bogeys at the 14th and 16th allowed Steinhauer, Brandie Burton and the Swede Sophie Gustafson to move to the top of the leader board.

After playing an excellent chip at the 14th to within two and half feet of the flag. Moodie missed the putt for par and she also missed from five feet for a birdie at the 15th. "The wind made things really: really tough," Moodie, who learnt her golf at Windyhill, Glasgow.

Steinhauer, meanwhile, led a charmed life, particularly over Royal Lytham's formidable backnine: Beginning the round with a bogey four at the first. her only dropped shot, she came home in regal style with birdies at the 11th, 13th and 18th. With a south-westerly gusting at up to 33 mph, it was an impressive performance. She was the only player to break 77 in the final round on a day when many had trouble

With Gustafson in the clubhouse at five over for the tournament following a 70. the decisive stroke from Steinbauer came at the last. With the odds on a sudden death play-off she hit a magnificent six-iron approach shot from 156 yards into a cross-wind to within eight feet of the hole and her birdied putt just had enough momentum to role into the cup when it looked, for a moment, as if she

had left it on the lip. After her 81 on Thursday, Steinhauer improved with a 72 and a 70. "After the first round I had a dream that I was getting an early flight home." she said. "My first aim was to make the cut, then finish in the top 10. I really enjoyed playing in the wind. It's a challenge and it helped me to stay focused."

Gustafson, who won 250,000 to considerably improve her chances of playing in the Salheim Cup, was paired with Australian Carrie Webb. When Webb, who won the championship 12 months ago at Sunningdale at 19 under par. 23 strokes better than Steinhauer's aggregate yesterday, went to the turn in 33 it looked as if she might retain her title. But it was Gustafson who made the advance with three birdies in four

holes from the 13th. She was subsequently joined at five over by Burton who came in with a 71, but both were trumped by Steinhauer's beautiful judged six-iron at the 72nd hole. It was the perfect club at the perfect time.

One of the more interesting scores was an 87 from Muffin Spencer-Devlin, She came home in 46 after a triple-bogev seven at the 16th and a quintuple bogey nine on the 17th. The American finished with an aggregate of 319, 31 over par

Nor did Se Ri Pak cover herself in glory. "You have to learn many things to play in many # temperatures," the 20-year old Korean, who has won two major titles this season said. "[learned many things, this is golf. It's up and down." Yes. terday she had trouble up and down, closing with a 77, 20 over par for the tournament.

Humphreys 'ready to quit' over WRU threat

RUGBY UNION

BY DAVID SMART

THE FORMER Wales captain Jonathan Humphreys yesterday threatened to quit rugby if he was forced to move from Cardiff by the Welsh Rugby Union because of a long-running dispute between his club and the governing body.

The Cardiff hooker looks set to be caught up in a club versus country row if Cardiff do not sign a loyalty agreement by midday today. The WRU could strip Cardiff

of their Welsh internationals like Humphreys and the present Wales captain, Rob Howley, if the agreement is not signed. Wales' leading internationals are contracted to the WRU and they have threatened to place the players with

other Welsh clubs. "If the WRU told me I had to

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Cardiff captain.

"Cardiff is my club, the only one I want to play for I would not consider going anywhere

"I hope it does not come to that. The players have been caught in the middle lo 'ar too long and it is time that the administrators sorted things out," Humphreys claimed many of Wales' leading players were

supporting moves to play the best clubs in England in a British league, a plan which coliansed last week after talks between Brian Baister, the chairman of the Rugby Football 'Union, and representatives of the other governing bodies in the British Isles.

The groups failed to reach an agreement and the idea fell through, leading to the English clubs accusing Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Interna-

join another club, I would retional Rugby Board, of having tire," said Humphreys, the an influence behind the scenes. in pouring cold water on the plans, even though he was in Argentina at the time.

> New the Welsh players, many of whom have expressed regret at the standards and competitiveness of their own domestic competitions, are speaking out in favour of the cross-border plan. "We are very disappointed

that there will not be a British League this season," said "The Welsh club scene desperately needed it. We are told such a league will be organised next year, but how do we know

that? The World Cup is taking

place then and it may be put off for another year Welsh rugby does not have the time to waste anymore. The top sides need to be playing quality rugby week-in,

Monty's always on course to relax with us.



Welsh system does not pro-

clubs direct. We want to play but we won't be used as pawns." Cardiff themselves are still in a state of limbo. They have said that they do not wish to play in Welsh domestic competitions any more because of their on-running dispute with the Union, but their plans to play against Allied Dunbar clubs have been thwarted by

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All Blacks flattened by furious Bok rally

NEW ZEALAND were on the receiving end of one of the more dramatic Test comebacks in recent times, allowing South Africa to stage a stirring comeback to win 24-23 in a gripping match in Durban on Saturday. It was the All Blacks' fourth successive defeat.

The result left the All Blacks with their worst record in more than 40 years as they finished their Tri Nations campaign bottom of the table. The home side, staring defeat in the face and trailing 23-5 with just 14 minutes left on the clock, scored three tries including a last-minute touchdown to steal the game and preserve their unbeaten record in the competition.

The Springboks now play Australia, in Johannesburg on Saturday with the winner of that match taking the Tri Na-

tions title for the first time. The 51st Test between the two traditional rivals was, as ex-

pected, a game of hard, fierce rugby full of expansive play. New Zealand went in at halftime 17-5 up and it looked like

errors would lead to the Springboks' downfall. The Springboks' normally watertight defence started to spring leaks as they allowed the All Blacks to score two tries. In comparison, the radically restructured New Zealand side was gelling much better than

over-confidence and unforced

It was the mercurial scrumhalf Joost van der Westhuizen who started the unlikely revival when he jinked his way over from a ruck 15 metres out, and, nine minutes from time, the replacement flanker Bobby Skinstad set up the finish with

tacking line-out 10 metres from the line. The hooker James

Marriott

qualifying match on Saturday. Earlier, Canada defeated A late tackle by Jonah Lomu Uruguay 38-15 in the four-team set up South Africa with an atevent in Buenos Aires that will qualify one side for the 1999

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Hick flaw sparks another collapse

ALTHOUGH HIS innings won the match, Graeme Hick made a perfect mistake at Lord's when England looked as though they were going to reach 300 after they had been put in to bat. He and Alec Stewart had put on 76 for England's third wicket and then Nasser Hussain settled in and helped him add 92 for the wirth.

They were scoring runs as they wished and although the Sri Lankan bowlers had been honest they had been no better than that Suddenly Hussain, who was batting with the authority and composure one would expect from a man who spent seven hours at the crease while making 94 in England's second innings in the fifth Test, swept at Kumara Dharmasena with his head up and was bowled.

England were 223-4 in the 44th over. It was now imperative that Hick should stay in to the end of the imnings to prevent England having two new batspen at the wicket for the slog ers at the end. If Hick had stayed England could reasonably have expected a total of at least 270. In the very next over, Adam Hollioake glanced



HENRY BLOFELD

AT LORD'S

which Hick could easily have countermanded. All he had to do was say no, loudly and quickly, and Hollioake would have been able to get back safely enough.

As it happened, Hick responded to the call and was run out by Marvan Atapattu's throw to Romesh Kaluwitherana behind the stumps. It was such a thoughtless run by a batsman who has played enough one-day cricket to know what was required at this late stage of the

As a result of Hick's willingness to risk his own wicket, two new batsmen were at the crease and as a result the innings disintegrated. In fact in this sort of situation, made stage further. The Sri Lankan clothes which they apparently



Arjuna Ranatunga is bowled by Robert Croft as England head towards a convincing victory at Lord's yesterday

collectors of England collapses, and there must be many, can put this one high up in the order. Seven wickets had fallen for 24 runs off 35 balls.

The lower middle-order batsmen, as so often happens

themselves out. They needed to push for ones and twos and with the far-flung field that would have been easy enough.

the grave mistake of trying to first names are on the backs of brought with them imagining hit everything for four and got their shirts because their that there would be a proproper names are too big and, gramme saying who would in order to fit, would have to be in very small print. The South Africans, who are the only side The pyjama saga went one to have numbers on their

wear which number. Good communication England, like Sri Lanka, had

no numbers on their backs

ESSEX SLUMPED to another

and 111 runs at Portsmouth.

day in a seemingly hopeless po-

pyjamas. Very imaginative of the organisers, in a competition involving three sides, that they should arrange for two of them to wear the same colours, albeit, in slightly different shades. What was that old saying about

Adrian Murrell/Allsport

Spell of pace **swings** game

BY MIKE CAREY at Headingley

Yorkshire 457-8 dec Lancashire 484 & 109-4

AN EXPLOSIVE piece of newball bowling by the tall left-armer Paul Hutchison, who took four wickets for two runs in 25 deliveries, dramatically changed the face of a hitherto high-scoring Roses match here yesterday.

Lancashire had been reduced to a decidedly edgy 27 for 4 when John Crawley and Warren Hegg gratefully accepted the umpire's offer of the light. This provided eight overs respite after which the fifth wicket pair batted enterprisingly to leave the match perfectly poised.

The famous Yorkshireman who opined that a week is a long time in politics might agree, were he still with us, that three days can be even more remarkable in cricket. Especially if you get stuck in the way Yorkshire did here.

First, having been lambasted all around Leeds on the first day, they carefully batted themselves back into contention, a performance which owed much not only to a disciplined all-round team effort, but also to some variable bowling on a pitch which, though showing signs of wear, held up

Hutchison has more raw pace than most bowlers of his type and this was the platform he needed. The crucial differences to the first innings were that this time he not only got his line right and bit the pitch hard, but the plentiful good balls found the edge and the catches stuck, some spectacu-

He began with a perfeculy pitched outswinger which the left handed Nathan Wood, committed to play, edging to the wicketkeeper

The luckless Neil Fair-With Worcestershire chasing brother could do nothing about the first ball he feeed, which not turned him round and had him brilliantly caught at full stretch by James Misdlebrook at third

> Soon afterwards Andrew Flintoff, currently suffering the sort of lean spell that haunts all quality youngsters sooner or later, stabbed unconvincingly at a rapid delivery angled across him to be superbly caught by David Byas. And he was followed in the next over as Gra-

ham Lloyd played on. Byas himself had been the cornerstone of Yorkshire's inbeaten on 68 as he shared an nings, becoming, somewhat improbably you may feel, the first batsman to make four centuries in one season on this fa-

His anchorman's role was the perfect foil for Darren Lehmann's strokeplay, but equally valuable work was done Northamptonshire off-spinner in the engine-room of the side where Richard Blakeley completed an unbeaten half-century and the two bowlers, Gavin Hamilton and Middlebrook. confirmed their rich promise as

Krikken is so happy with Dean Hampshire

Worcestershire 104 & 316 Derbyshire win by 28 runs

KARL KRIKKEN saluted emerging pace bowler Kevin bowled Derbyshire to a fourth get better. Championship victory that empleted a memorable five days for the club.

Dean took nine wickets in the match as Derbyshire beat sure situations. Worcestershire by 28 runs foltory at Leicester last week, close to the wicket and he on the field considering how knows that the right-hander

BY DEREK HODGSON

Gloucestershire 142 & 456

BOTH TEAMS need to win to re-

tain credibility as fringe con-

tenders but after the

excitements of Friday, when 17

wickets fell, this pitch has rolled

into such an eiderdown - Harry

Brind probably fell asleep while

atching on Saturday - that a

draw is not impossible. .

at Bristol

Kent 163 & 83-2

The left-armer demonstrat-

Krikken, Derbyshire's vice-

captain and wicketkeeper, inbottle and he's great in pres-"He's always had important

lowing their memorable ingredients in his game. He can NatWest Trophy semi-final vic- swing it both ways, he sticks mitted and quite aggressive and his captain, Tom Moody,

target of 486 in the 35 overs re-

maining last evening and were

helped by the absence of Mark

Alleyne from the attack. Al-

leyne, so often Gloucestershire's

golden arm, has a strained calf

overnight lead of 191 but were

in no mood to permit Kent

early use of this easy surface,

with all the potential threat of

a huge, fast innings from Carl

Gloucestershire had an

muscle but may bowl today.

to play with.

victim of the season - and here but he's built up his with a career-best 170 from Dean after the 22-year-old Krikken believes he can only strength doing a fair bit in the 188 balls. gym this winter.

> efit of that. He's hitting the was of the highest class and he sisted: "Kevin has got a lot of gloves hard this year which was last out with his team just shows he's gained an extra 28 runs away from reaching a yard of pace and batsman don't daunting target of 345. have the time to adjust.

Kent made slow but deter- Hooper. They added another ing away into a stiff breeze.

has been belatedly recognised,

how about a cheering call from

David Graveney to Glouces-

coming the first of four

ive victims for the wick-

ball at last gave Kent a weapon. ting star, Matt "Steamy" Win-

innings 55 (now that Ian Austin cap with his third champi-

tershire's captain?) before be- Jack Russell, after a shaky

etkeeper Steve Marsh as Julian attack shorn, by the selectors, Thompson took 3 for 11 in 29 of Dean Headley and Mark

balls, the reward for attacking Ealham, was a last wicket

bowling to line and length, mov- stand of 55, which included

Alleyne added 83 to his first dows, celebrated his county

has an abundance of natural humble Essex which was decided on the last doesn't give the batsman a lot quiet he is off the field." Dean's five-wicket haul de- ability.

"He's growing into his nied Worcestershire a victory ed he is an opponent to be reck-strength now. He was very slim that Vikram Solanki had al-from Vikram. He obviously had oned with as he claimed his 50th and willowy when he first came most singlehandedly set up his slice of luck along the way

He was dropped three times "We are now seeing the ben- but the quality of his stroke-play Solanki scored a Sunday

"He's very honest, very com- League 100 at Derby last month

Gloucestershire's rising bat-

onship century (192 balls, 11

fours) but his departure, at

338, brought Kent little relief, as

start, got his feet and bat mov-

ing. The final humiliation for an

"It was a fantastic innings

but we all need a bit of that," Moody said. "He's got an enormous

amount of talent and he's starting to show that more consistently this season."

Worcestershire have now lost four Championship games in a row and they must hope for injuries to clear up and Graeme Hick to return from England

sixes from Mike Smith and

occasional visits as a substitute

for the limping Alan Wells. So,

like much county cricket, it

was over upon over of fast-

medium seam bowling, which

elimination of finger spinners

from the first-class game is

analogous to the removal of

Carl Hooper bowled 44 overs

Courtney Walsh.

repertoire.

sition at 50 for 2, still needing another 299 to make Hampshire bat a second time. They lasted until an hour after lunch when they were dismissed for 238. Kent made to toil by Windows Peter Bowler compiled a natient 41 not out to lead his

side to a two-wicket win over Northamptonshire at Taunton. The Somerset captain hit just two fours in his 165-ball innings, but it was a fine effort on

a dry pitch which offered plenty but all we saw of Min Patel was of assistance to the spinners. Defeat was hard on the Northamptonshire off-spinner Jason Brown, who claimed a career-best 6 for 53 from 41.1 overs to finish with match-

figures of 11 for 102. can be tedious. The virtual Kevin Dean bowled Derbyshire to a 28-run win over Worcestershire with 5 for 95 to Mozart from the classical add to his four in the first

heavy defeat in the Britannic 345 Vikram Solanki scored a career-best 170 off 188 balls to only bounced on him, but

Assurance County Championship yesterday. Hampshire take his side within sight of what would have been a membecame the latest club to take orable victory. advantage of the bottom club's Derbyshire dropped Solanki injuries with a victory by innings three times - the first before he had scored - and three others The visitors began the third

in Worcestershire's second With both attacks badly depleted at Chester-le-Street, the bat continued to dominate as Durham easily wiped out a first-innings deficit of 90 against Glamorgan vesterday.

John Morris passed his season's-best of 50 to finish ununbroken stand of 128 with Jon Lewis, leaving Durham 38 ahead with all wickets intact.

England's youngsters are mous ground. pressing for victory in the first Under-19 Test against Pakistan at New Road, Worcester.

Graeme Swann, the who collected a pair when batting, took 5 for 40 in 15.3 overs as the tourists closed at 144 for 8, still requiring 55 for victory on the fourth and final day today.

Britannic Assurance **County Championship**

Derbyshire v Worcestershire ERRY (Day 3 of 4): Derbyshire (22pts) best forcestershire (4pts) by 28 russ Waterstone Wan 1055

DERBYSHIRE - First leadings 280 (Weston Ba. WORCESTERSHIRE — First landings 104 (Dean 4-52) DERBYSHIRE - Second lanlage 168 (Moody 5-64,

Runs 6s As Bis Min V S Solanki c Weston b DeFreltas...170 1 31 188 268 Rhodes c Barnett b Dean...... 0 0 D 4

R J Chaoman not out..... Extras (52 lb10 w2 nb14)28 Retai (for 10, 70.1 overs)316 Falk 1-19, 2-24, 3-29, 4-112, 5-212, 6-218, 7-226, 8ing: P A J Defreites 21.1-4-95-5, K J Dean 25-5-

90-5, T M Smith 13-3-58-0, M E Cassar 5-0-40-0, I D Blackwell 6-1-21-0. RIVERSIDE (Day 3 of 4): Durham (8 pts) are loading 6/amorgan (6 pts) by 38 runs with all second-ing mickets in hand Durham v Glamorgan

DURHAM - First innings 396 (Boon 106, Speak 59, Durham won tors GLANGRGAN — First landage Overnight 259-4 (May-

Runs 6s 45 Bis Min
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S D Thomas c Speight b Wood 78 1 11 64 79

Fail: 1-2, 2-83, 3-85, 4-217, 5-338, 6-388, 7-451, 8-467. 9-480. Bourling: M M Betts 0.4-0-1-0. S Lugsden 29.2-1-151-2. J Wood 30.4-1-143-3. P D Collingwood 29-8-89-3, N C Phillips 21-0-78-1. N J Spenk 1-0-9-0.

mined progress towards their 102 in 30 overs before the new

DURHAM - Second Inches Ruse 5s 4s Bls Min

S Lugsden.

Rowling: S D Thomas 9-2-29-0, A P Davies 8-1-28-0. A Dale 6-1-10-0. 5 P Jones 6-0-23-0, D A Cosker 11-2-Umptres: A Clarkson and R A White.

Gloucestershire v Kent ERRISTOL (Day 3 of 4); Kent (4 pts), mich 8 sec-ond-innings wickets in hand, require 353 runs to beat Gioucestershire (4 pts)

Kent won loss Kent won IOSS
GLOUCESTERSHIRE — First busings 142 (Alleyne 55, Thompson 4-52, McCague 4-41) RENT - First innings 163 (Marsh 50, Walsh 4-77) GLOUCESTERSHIRE — Second Innings Overalght 212-3 (Hancock 63) second Instinct Coutd

"M W Alleyne c Marsh b McCague83 0 14 143 199 M G N Windows C Marsh b Thompson103 0 11 208 219

8-393, 9-401. BomBag: MJ McCague 22-5-69-3, J B Thompson 23.4-5-82-4, B J Phillips 23-3-89-0, M V Fleming 31-6-81-2. C L Hooper 44-8-118-1. KENT — Second Innings Runs 6s 4s Bls Min9 0 1 77 89 D P Fulton c Atleyne b Smith.

Page C L Hooper, C D Walsh, M V Flerning, "15 A Marsh.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD J & Thomoson, M J McCague, A P Wells. Bowling: C A Walsh 10-5-29-0. A M Smith 9-4-19-1. Lewis 7-2-12-1, D R Hewson 2-1-3-0, M C J Ball 7-3-17-0.

Hampshire v Essex PORTSMOUTH (Day 3 of 4): Hampshire (24pts) beat Essex (3pts) by an innings and 111 reas ESSEX --- First Inulage 141 (McLean 5-37, Hartley

HAMPSHIRE - First Innings 490 (Smith 138, Keech 61, White 58. Mascarenhas 53, Morris 51) ESSEX — Second Innings Overnight 50-2

D D J Robinson lbw b Harrley......36 0 -4124 134 R C Irani c Mascarenhas b Morris......35 0 5 82 120 "A P Grayson b Kartley....... 5 0 1 9 14 D R Law c Stephenson b McLean.....48 2 4 37 53 tB J Hyam c Keech b Morris.....31, 0 5 73 95

Extras (lb7 w4 nb4)15 Total (67 overs) Fall: 1-3, 2-7, 3-81, 4-93, 5-93, 6-97, 7-152, 8-201. Bowling: N A M McLean 19-3-69-2, P J Hardey 25-6-90-3. J P Stephenson 9-1-30-0. A C Monts 13-1-39-4. A D Mascarenhas 1-0-3-0. Unantree: J H Harris and J W Lloyds.

Somerset v Northamptonshire TAUNTON (Day 3 of 4): Somerset (20pts) beat Northamptonshire (4pts) by 2 wickets Northamptonshire won toss NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First leadings 187 (Rose 5-57. Caddick 5-701

SOMERSET - First lanlags 179 (Bowler 78, Bi

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - Second Innings 205 (Ripley 54no. Penberthy 53, Caddick 4-45) SOMERSET - Second Innings Oversight 29-1

PCL Holloway c Ripley b Bailey27 0 2 92 130 A R Pierson c Penberthy b Brown......9 0 2 24 28 M E Trescothick c Curran b Brown....30 0 6 77 73

G D Rose c Montgomerie b Brown ...15 0 1 58 52 Extras (610 /617).....27 Total (for 8, 92.1 overs)......214 Fail: 1-17, 2-34, 3-89, 4-96, 5-100, 6-144, 7-164, 8-

tM Burns low 6 Brown......18 0 2 36 27

Bowling: F A Rose 2-0-9-0, J P Taylor 15-3-48-1, J F Brown 41,1-18-53-6, D E Malcolm 7-3-20-0, R J Bailey Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd.

HEADINGLEY (Day 3 of 4): Lancashire (6 pts) are leading Yorkshire (7 pts) by 136 runs with 6 second-innings wickets in hand Lancashire wan toss LANCASHIRE - First Innings 484 (Crawley 180, Lloyd

Yorkshire v Lancasbire

YORKSHIRE -- First Innings Overnight 264-4 (Byos First leaker Contd

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Bowillag: G Chapple 32-9-59-3, 1 D Austin 10-3-28-0, A Filmzoff 5-2-8-0. G Keedy 50-12-161-2. G Yates 41-12-107-3, R J Green 20-3-83-0.

LANCASHIRE — Second Innings Runs 6s 4s Bls Min G D Lloyd b Hutchison.....41 0 5 71 108

Total (for 4, 33 overs)... Fall: 1-2, 2-2, 3-12, 4-22. ...109 To Bat: "Wasim Akram, I D Austin, G Yates, G Chapple, Boarling: M J Hoggard 7-0-27-0. P M Hutchison 8-1-30-4. G M Hamilton 5-1-19-0, R D Stemp 8-3-17-0, J

D Middlebrook 5-0-10-0.

Pakistan Under 19 won toss

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones. First NatWest Under 19 Test

England Under 19 v Pakistan Under 19 WORCESTER (Day 3 of 4): Pakistan Under 19, with ues wickets in hand, require 55 runs to

ENGLAND - First landings 260 (Shah 96, Irlan Fazil 6-PARISTAN — First Innings 331 (Hasan Raza 70, Inamul-Har 52, Faisal Igbal 50, Franks 4-70)

ENGLAND - Second Innings Overnight 58-2 Second Innings Count R W T Key c Bazid Khan b Irfan Fazil...62 0 11 94 152 *O A Shah c Kashlif Raza b Shoaib Malak44 0 6 87 132 b Zahid Saeed o Zanko Saeco A Laraman c Humayun Fahrat b Kashir Raza..... C J Schofield not out.... M Wallace Ibw b Zahid Saeed _______2 0 0 7 23 J O Grove b Zahld Saeed 0 0 0 2 Extras (b10 fb7 w1 nb16)......36

Total (72.5 overs)269
Falt: 1-4, 2-30, 3-121, 4-146, 5-159, 6-194, 7-230, 8-234. Bourting: Zahid Saced 17.5-4-75-5. Irlan Fazil 25-1-83-2, Shoath Malik 14-3-52-2, Kashii Raza 14-8-31-1, Biza Asad 2-0-11-0.

Runs
Inam-ul-Haq c Shah b Franks ... 10
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Bazid Khan b Laraman ... 31
Hassn Raz c Flanagan b Swann ... 41
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Today's fixtures

11.00am start unless stated BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: (Fourth day of four unless stated) Riverside: Durham v Glamorgan, Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent, Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire FIRST NATWEST UNDER 19 TEST (Fourth day of four) Worcester: England v Pakistan

Dykstra at the double

A BRILLIANT double save by Diarmid Park, but there was no money. I reckon I need three the Dutch goalkeeper Sieb Dykssign of a goal from any source players of a better standard in stra in the last minute earned as St Johnstone and Kil-10-man United a surprise point marnock ground out a draw. are certainly looking for another against Hearts yesterday.

started off as strong favourites after beating Rangers in their opening league game.

The visitors' strength in depth was emphasised by Jim Jefferies' decision to leave out midfielder Lee Makel in favour of Steve Fulton while former United favourite Steve Pressley was a substitute.

shown the red card by the refit well and I've got to be happy." eree, Stuart Dougal, for an in-Locke late in the game.

sent a superb ball through to Ian Durrant in the closing Neil McCann and the winger saw his fierce net-bound effort when well-placed. pushed away by Dykstra.

the loose ball into the danger zone, the former Queen's Park look elsewhere if his players Rangers keeper brought off another fabulous save from David Weir's close range header.

The former Rangers and striker. It was no more than the Scotland international had no home side deserved for Hearts complaints about Bobby Williamson's decision. "I know I only got a few minutes, but to be fair he had seen me in training all last week," joked Mc-Coist, who is still searching for match fitness.

Williamson, who retained the team who defeated Dundee United 2-0 on the opening day of the season, was content with But United's hard work a point. He said: "We were looked like it might all be in vain away in Europe in midweek so when Steve Thompson was I thought the players handled

Kilmarnock created the betnocuous-looking tackle on Gary ter chances of a contest that was spirited but lacked quality, In the last minute Fulton the best opportunity falling to stages who mis-hit a shot badly

The Saints manager, Paul And when Fulton returned Sturrock felt his side were "sluggish" and warned he will continue to produce below-par showings. He said: "It is a long season and you always need to Ally McCoist appeared for strengthen so there will come the last three minutes at Mc a time when we will spend

certain areas of the team - we

"We have highly paid professionals here but some of them have let themselves down by not looking sharp

Aside from Rangers' 2-1 win over Motherwell at Ibrox, the Scottish Premier League's only other Saturday fixture saw Dunfermline defeat Dundee 2-0 through goals from Andy Smith and George Shaw.

Last season's First Division title winners Dundee have still to score this season and have now recorded two league defeats as well as a League Cup loss to Alloa.

Jocky Scott, the manager, said: "Bad defending cost us as usual, there was no conviction about our display and we must work harder. The manner we lost the goals upset me. To improve these results we have to learn how to defend well."

The Pars were also surprised in last week's League Cup second round by Livingston, but despite Gavin Johnson's sending-off held on for a vital win with 10 men.



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Second Division: Highest of the day:
13.981 (Stoke v Macclesfield). Lowest:
2.634 (York v Gillingham).
Third Division: Highest of the day:
5.629 (Cardiff v Peterborough). Lowest:
1.713 (Rochdale v Yorquay).
GM Vauxhall Conference: Highest of the day:
2.104 (Kingstonian v Hereford).
Lowest: 527 (Leek Town v Famborough)

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ULSTER CUP: First Division: Ards 2 Bangor 0: Ballyclare 4 Linavady United 2; Carrick 2 Larne 0; Dungannon Swifts 0 Distillery 2.

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PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Deveronale 3 Cove Rangers 3; Kelth 2 Peterhead 1: Wick Academy 2 Clachnacuddin 2. Leading positions: 1 Cove Rangers (P2. Pts4); 2 Clachnacuddin (2-4); 3 Deveronale (2-4).

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Sandwell Borough 1: Wednesfield 0.
Boldmere St Michaels 2: West Midlands Police 2 Shifnal Town 0.
FRIENDLY MATCHES: Altrincham Bury XI 0: Basingstoke 0 Dorchester Bath 4 Grencester 0; Bognor 1 Aldersho: 17: 2; Boreham Wood 1 Tottenham XI 0.
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(Duniermilne v Dundee). Scottish First Division: Highest of the day: 8,000 (Hibernian v Stranser). Lowest: 1,000 (Clydebank v Falkirk). Second Division: Highest of the day: 1.897 (Inveness CT v Livingston). Lowest: 485 (East Fife v Alica). Third Division: Highest: of the day: 360 (Sterhousemul' v Covenbeath). Lowest: 263 (E Stirling v Brechin).

FOOTBALL

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Stevenage v Hayes (7.45).

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CRICKET (10.45): Triangular One-Day International Tearnament: England v South Africa (or Edgboston). RUGBY UNION: Tour March (3.0): Mun-ster v Morocco (or Muserphe Dark, Crick) Ster v Morocco (at Musgrove Park, Cork). Club manch (7.0): Pontyn idd v Edinburgh Reivers. SPEEDMAY (7.30): Dunlop Conference League Challenge: St Austell v Belle Vue.

WEDNESDAY

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SPEEDBRAY: Elite League (7.45): King's Lynn v Ipswich: Poole v Oxford, Presider League (7.30): Hull v Edinburgh. RACING: YORK (2.05): MUSSELBURGH (2.20): KEMPTON (5.30): LEICESTER (5.40), Dundafk (5.0). THURSDAY

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CRICKET (10.45): Lord's: Triangular
One-Day International fournament final.
Britannic Assurance County Championship (first day of four, 11.0):
Cardiff Glamorgan v Yorkship.
GOUP: European Open (at Dublin).
SPEEDWAY (7.30): Elite Leagues
Ipswich v Oxford: Swindon v Coventry.
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(7.45). Promier Laugue: Sheffeld v Edinburgh [7.45]. RACING: YORK (2.05); SALISBURY (2.15): YARMOUTH (2.25); Tipperary (5.0).

POOTBALL (7.45): Nationwide Langue First Districts Barreley v Stockport. Third Division: Shrewsbury v Cardiff. CHCCCT Third women's Test (First day of four, 11.0): Worcestar: England v Australia.

22 Aug WBA (H); 29 Aug Swindon (A); 31 Aug ipswich (H); 5 Sep Bolton (A). THIS WEEK'S MAJOR FIXTURES RUGBY LEAGHE: Super Lagges (7.30): Wigan v Leeds: Sheffield v Salford. RUGBY UNION: Clob match (6.30): Edinburgh Rebers v Newcastle (of Greenwards, Merose) SPEDMANY (7.30 unless stabed): Elite Leaguet Belle Vie v Pool: Cabed): Elite Leaguet Rele Vie v Pool: Cabed (7.45). Premier Leaguet Areia Essex v Reading (8.0): Edinburgh v Peterborough; Sie of Wight v Stoke.

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Norwich City v Queens Park Rangers; Port
Vale v West Brommeth Ablon; Porsmouth
v Ipswich Town, Sheffield Unit v Birmingham
City; Sunderland v Trannére Rosers; Woltenhampton Wanderlers v Swindon Town. Secend Divisions AFC Bournemouth v Millivalit.

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County, Oldham v Chesterfield; Presson
North End v Stolke City, Reading v Luton
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Winderers v Walsan. Tained Divisions BrentFord v Brighton and Hove Alblon: Carlise
Utd v Roctidale. Darlington v Hallbar Town;
Hardepool United v Southtorpe; Peterborough Utd v Southend: Plymouth Argyle v
Barnet: Rotherham Utd v Cambridge Linked; Scarborough v Mansfield Town; Swonssa
City v Leyton Celent; Torquay Utd v Exeter
City. The Football Conferences Chebenham v Hayes. Doncaster v Rüdermisster,
Ramborough v Netzering; Hereford v Dover;
Morecambe v Kingstonian; Northwich v
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Blues blow their own trumpet

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

Birmingham City Crystal Palace

THE FRUSTRATIONS of countless seasons of unfulfillment persuaded Birmingham City's supporters to indulge themselves during yesterday's impressive victory at St Andrew's. Top of the League," they sang lustily as their team overcame Crystal Palace to go to the head of the embryonic Nation wide First Division table.

The season may only be in its infancy and the rules governing goals scored still bizarre enough to bewilder Trevor Francis, but City's manager s not about to argue with his Bues' worthiness as leaders.

"But I still can't come to terms with why 3-1 should be better than 2-0," he said.

If City had retained their 2-0 half-time lead, they would have merely finished the day as joint leaders with Wolves but, by reducing the arrears with a late header from Hayden Mullins, his first in senior football, ing a point. Bennett redeemed Palace perversely helped Birmingham's cause, forcing them to go for a third goal.

Birmingham, who had conceded the final play-off spot to Sheffield United last season on the curious "goals scored" law need have on this conincing evidence, few fears out slide rule mathematics

deciding their fate this time. Dele Adebola, Birmingham's bustling Nigerian, maintained his goal-a-game record, stretching Palace's defence throughout and bringing justification for an arduous pre-season.

manager. The £1m Adebola had already threatened twice when he gave City a 12th-minute lead with a balf-volley

Then Marc Edworthy was pulled up for supposedly pulling Simon Charlton's shirt. The award of a penalty, swept home by Martin O'Connor, once a Palace reserve, annoyed Terry Venables. "If penalties are being given for shirt-pulling," argued the Palace manager, "then at least they should have been consistent and given us one when Bruce Dyer had his shirt pulled."

With the help of Adebola's high-stepping runs, Peter Ndlovu's spectacular dashes and Charlton's astute sorties. City were always dangerous on the break. However, the hosts' smug look of complacency vanished when Ian Bennett rushed madly from his goal, colliding with his own defender Michael Johnson to permit Mullins a decisive connection with Dean Austin's routine cross.

Palace were suddenly chashimself by clawing down a Matt Jansen drive before the Birmingham substitute Nicky Forster turned in Martin Grainger's cross to leave the division with an unfamiliar early look about it.

Gostis: Adeboto (12) 1-0, O'Connor pen (29) 2-0; Mullins (73) 2-1; Forster (90) 3-1.



Birmingham's Simon Charlton and Marc Edworthy tussle for possession at St Andrew's yesterday

Monaco inspired by Henry

THIERRY HENRY silenced the critics who accused him of thinking only of a transfer abroad by helping Monaco beat promoted Sochaux 4-1 in the French First Division on Sat-

Monaco, Marseilles - who beat Metz 1-0 - and Bordeaux, 3-2 winners at Le Havre, are the Monegasques ahead on goal difference.

wanted to join his former coach Arsène Wenger at Arsenal was in inspired form, laying on the first goal for Portuguese midfielder Francisco Da Costa in the opening minute.

Sochaux replied within four minutes, defender Bernard only sides on maximum points' Maraval rifling a close-range

after two matches, with the shot past helpless World Cup goalkeeper Fabien Barthez. Nigeria's Victor Ikpeba re-

Henry, who said last week he stored Monaco's lead in the eighth minute in front of a crowd of 12,000 at the Stade Louis II, where attendances are generally a third of that. Henry scored in the 50th

minute after a 40-metre run, before laying on a second for Ikpeba seven minutes from the

Elber gave Bundestiga favourites Bayern Munich a 1-0 win at VfL Wolfsburg in their opening match of the new season. The champions, Kaiserslautern, also started with an away win, beat-

ing 1860 Munich 2-1. ■ The Germany coach, Berti Vogts, said yesterday that he will resign if his team fail to qualify for the European Championship finals in 2000.

HORACIO CARBONARI

PORFRT MOJ ENGAR

Unsworth will not go 'on cheap'

DAVID UNSWORTH will finally make his first competitive appearance for Aston Villa tonight, even though the central defender is still hoping to move back to Goodison Park.

But John Gregory, the Villa manager, has warned Everton they have "no chance" of seless they match the £3m paid to West Ham last month.

Unsworth moved from Upton Park to Villa, but then asked to go to Everton after his wife refused to move from their Merseyside home and because of the problems of a 160-mile round trip to training each day.

Unsworth was suspended for Villa's opening Premier League match - ironically at for the reserves tonight against

Leicester life and hopeful that Everton are going to come back in for him. But if they think they are going to do a deal on the cheap for, say, £2.5m, then they've got

"In fact, you could argue that for all the inconvenience we Everton should pay over the odds for Unsworth."

their unhappy striker Pierre van Hooijdonk go for £8m and Turkish side Fenerbahce are favourites to sign him.

their losses and reduce their original valuation of the Dutchman, who is refusing to return to the City Ground. Forest are keen to sell that they have

also employed an agent. Paul Stretford, to find him a club. Fenerbahce have tabled an

opening offer of £5,5m for Van Hoordonk and are trying to reach a compromise deal with Tommy Burns, the Reading

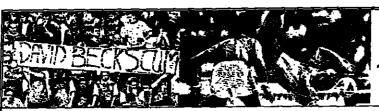
manager, has laid down the law curing Unsworth's services unto his side after their poor start to the season. He has banned alcohol, junk food, mobile phones and dissent in a crackdown on his players fol-lowing their 4-1 defeat at Bristol Rovers.

He said: "I don't like to see the players chatting away on a mobile phone and ignoring their team-mates when travelling to matches. That's a time for the players to be bonding together as a team and they Everton - but he will turn out can't do that if they are having private conversations.

They are also banned from Gregory said: "He is back drinking alcohol when on club with us trying to get on with his business, or eating junk food. We have installed a microwave on the team bus to cook pasta for them. They have no problems with that because they know it is for the good of their

Neville Southall and Simon Barker are set to sign for Donhave suffered so soon near caster Rovers today. The Donthe start of the season that caster manager, Ian Snodin, has asked his old Everton team-mate Southall to help Nottingham Forest will let out the GM Vauxhall Conference side and he is set for his debut tomorrow.

Southall has been looking for a club all summer after playing Forest have decided to cut for Stoke City a few months ago. Barker has also been unable to find new employers since being released by Queen's Park Rangers at the



THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS



MARK BOSNICH

Halifax's ambition shines in The Shay

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE newcomers Halifax Town are trying desperately hard to keep their feet on the ground after a successful return to the big time.

Saturday's 1-0 victory over Third Division promotion favourites Brentford maintained a 100 per cent record in three matches - two in the League, one in the Worthington Cup - and three clean sheets.

The Halifax manager, Kieran O'Regan, struggled to impose self-restraint, "I'm not going to start shouting from the rooftops, but if we carry on like this who knows what is going to happen," he said.

Not for the first time in Halifax's recent history, the decisive goal was supplied by Geoff Horsfield, leading GM

Vauxhall Conference scorer last season, whose 32ndminute strike ensured that Halifax's first League match at the revamped Shay since 1993 ended in victory.

Their opening to the new campaign is all the more remarkable given the trauma that has accompanied the build-up to their reintroduction to the League.

The first shock came only three days before their opening fixture at Peterborough when the then manager, George Mulhali, rewarded with a three-year contract after steering Town to the Conference title, suddenly announced his resignation to take up the post of director of football,

leaving O'Regan in charge. Then came stories that

Peter Butler, a summer sign-

ing from West Bromwich Albion, had been appointed player-coach without O'Regan's knowledge. Last week, the chairman, Chris Holland, resigned only two months after accepting the post, handing over the reins to Halifax busi-

nessman Jim Brown. Yet finding harmony on the field, the team followed an opening-day 2-0 win over Peterborough by defeating Wrexham by the same score in the Worthington Cup before Saturday's win over Brentford, with Horsfield on the

mark in all three games. And there was the added satisfaction of a bumper crowd on Saturday, where an attendance of almost 4,000 represented six times the number who would turn up only two years ago.

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PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

ALEX CLELAND

PAUL GASCOIGNE Middlesbrough

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MUZZY CZZET

MICHAEL HUGHES

Manager of the week: Wimbledon's Joe Kinnear - who started the season as he means to go on. defying the odds with victory over the team he most likes to beat.

Performance of the week: Coventry City against of Chelsea, reassurance that the latest

Moneybags XI will have to do a bit more than simply turn up.

Today: After watching the Premiership season start without them, Arsenal begin the defence of their title at home to Nottingham Forest in what could be a traumatin what count be a traumat-ic experience for Dave Bas-sett's side, with a largely unstrengthened line-up led by the untited strike partnership of Dougle Freedman and Jean-Claude Darcheville.

Tomorrow: Second-leg matches in the Worthington Cup's opening round provide a busy night. Barnsley, having to adjust to rather different to adjust to rather different circumstances after their dream year in the Premiership. face Scarborough at Oakwell with a 1-0 platform from the first leg. In Scotland, Rangers take on Alloa in round three of the Scottish League Cup.

of the Scottish League Cup.
Wedpesday: Crystal Palace
attempt to avoid an early embarassment for manager Terry Venables after being held
to a 1-1 draw by Torquay In
their away first-leg Worthington Cup tie.
Friday: Satellite television
viewers can judge just how
Barnsley are acclimatising
when they entertain Stockport
County In the First Division,
Saturday: Liverpool's home
match against champions Arsenal represents by far the
pick of eight Premiership
matches.

Taylor II - now would he like that

WHISPER IT softly - but the ed England manager his full Premiership may have to support it must seem like old brace itself for the second times for Taylor, although coming of Graham Taylor there is no hint yet of his rock and Watford.

Taylor made his managerial name with the Vicarage Road club with a charge up the Football League that began 20 years ago, overseeing the Hornets in an incredible five-year rise that took them from the old Fourth Division to runnersup in the First Division.

It was an era that launched a number of successful careers, most notably that of Newcastle's former England international John Barnes. Now Taylor is threatening to repeat the trick after Saturday's win over Bradford City placed Watford among the early-season pacesetters in the new First Division, only three months after claiming the Second Division title.

With his old friend Elton John giving the once-derid-

star chairman reaching for the cheque book.

Taylor spent only £225,000 on incoming players during the summer yet still managed to bring in several new names, including his onetime Aston Villa and Wolves winger Tony Daley and the former Derby centre-back Dean Yates, neither of whom cost a penny.

It looks good business alongside the £3.5m that Bradford chairman Geoffrey Richmond has allowed manager Paul Jewell to spend in an attempt to take the Yorkshire team into the Premiership.

And Taylor's new Barnes? It could be the Zaire international striker Michael Ngonge, who capped his debut after arriving from Turkish club Samsunspor by heading Saturday's decisive

KEY NUMBERS

7 minutes had elapsed before Manchester United conceded the first goal of the Premier

10 seconds on the field were required by Everton substitute Don Hutchison to collect his first booking of the campaign.

15 Premiership minutes were survived by £10,75m Manchester United defende Jaap Stam before he sustained the injury that led to his substitution at half-time against Leicester.

seconds were needed for Alex Smith to score Saturday's fastest goal for Chester at Brighton,

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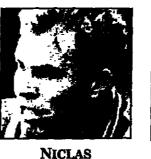
We have to be more solid, more defensively tuned in and concentrated than last season Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli, before

Saturday's defeat at

Coventry, Sadly, he forgot

to tell his players...

making it... and mistaken Missing...



ALEXANDERSSON SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

A BARGAIN £750,000 signing from IFK Gothenburg last December, the Swedish midfielder looked like the ingredient Ron Atkinson's Sheffield Wednesday side had been lacking but made only eight appearances before suffering a cruciate ligament injury in January, after which Wednesday's fortunes began to decline. The 24-year-old hopes to make a comeback towards the end of next month.



GARETH BARRY ASTON VILLA

With Ugo Ehiogu suspend-

ed and no replacement yet

secured for Steve Staunton, Villa were forced to summon 17-year-old Barry to fill the breach in their central defence against Everton on Saturday, It was only a second senior appearance for the youngster yet he produced a calm, composed display. However, it could hardly have been more daunting than his debut last season - against Premiership

champions Arsenal



"And then this dark Italian with sideburns and swept back hair comes into my

office and says I need to buy three players," Danny Wilson tells the Sheffield Wednesday chairman, "and I thought I was supposed to be the Godfather round here!"



Fact and fiction from the Sunday papers

for a striker is reported to have switched back to Alen Boksic following the failure of last week's £10m attempt to Villa. The People says United, who tried to buy Boksic for £8m a year ago, are prepared to go to £10m now. Boksic's future with the Italian side Lazio is uncertain following the arrival of Chilean Marcelo Salas, ironically a previous United target, but United would have to meet pre-tax wage demands of £2m

Manchester United's search

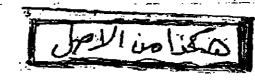
a year to land the Croatian. Meanwhile, according to the People, Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest are competing to tempt away Teddy Sheringham, who is no longer able to command a regular place at Old Trafford. Both are said to be willing to pay £22,000 a week to the England striker, although cash-strapped Forest will struggle to find the £3m transfer fee unless they Gérard Houllier.

can sell Pierre van Hooijdonk. The Mail says Van Hooijdonk, who has refused to report back to the City Ground for the new season after alleging that prise Dwight Yorke from Aston Forest lack ambition, pocketed a £150,000 signing on fee before

going on strike. The News of the World claims that Tottenham are set to sign Internazionale's £4mrated Nigerian international Nwankwo Kanu, whose chances of first-learn football in Milan have been further reduced by the arrival of Roberto Baggio from Bologna

Middlesbrough, says the same paper, are ready to spend E3m on West Bromwich's Republic of Ireland winger Kevin

Liverpool's bid to strength. en their defence is focusing on Sweden, according to the People, with AIK Stockholm's Johan Mjallby reportedly a 22m target for Roy Evans and



Glamour boys fall to scrap dealers

By GLENN MOORE

Coventry City

INPUT: 13 international players, speaking eight languag costing £34.5m to buy and £1m a month to keep. Output: One goal, no points.

That was Chelsea's balance sheet from Highfield Road when the first results of the season were released on Saturday. Money may talk but it does not necessarily make sense.

Chelsea's defeat to Coventry was not entirely unexpected, it also happened on opening day last season and it was always going to take a little time for Marcel Desailly, Albert Ferrer and Pierluigi Casiraghi to adapt to the English game's hightempo and laissez-faire refereeing. In addition, with Celestine Babayaro and Gustavo Poyet having rarely played last season communication problems were not just lin-

Yet even with those qualifications the match did little to erase the doubts as to Chelsea's championship prospects. As the Premiership's glamour side they have become one of the teams to beat before becoming hard to beat. They may have come fourth last season but they lost 15 matches, nine more than Ar-

They are also still to find the right response when opponents get physical. Graeme Le Saux, Dennis Wise and Frank fans, stood up wearing a lose their their heads and their tempers instead of just stand-

Not that Coventry were dirty, just determined to ensure throw the interlopers out. Chelsea were given no time to dwell on the ball and demon- friends an uneasy calm prestrate their quality. "They are better players than we are so we knew we had to work tremendously hard to beat the foolishness of the parent them." said Gordon Strachan,

the Coventry manager. Chelsea were no slackers but their work-rate lacked the edge that came from Coventry's fear of what might happen if they eased up. City have good players but only Marcus Hedman, who had an outstanding game in goal, George Boateng and the goalscorers. Dion Dublin and Darren Huckerby, would have a chance of making even Chelsea's squad. Having had their confidence boosted with two goals in 16 minutes they scrapped

like mink to keep it. This desire, which reflects Strachan's personality, and the goal-threat of Dublin and Huckerby, is the reason why this year no one has tipped them for the drop. With further strengthening Europe could even be within reach.

Chelsea, who paraded seven World Cup players, are aiming far higher. On the eve of the game Gianluca Vialli admitted: "I have no excuse. We've got exactly the team we were looking

There were good signs, notably the sharpness of Casiraghi who, if it had not been for Hedman, might have had a hat-trick and will clearly score heavily. The midfielders all had promising moments but one wonders if Desailly might end up bringing his presence to bear there rather than at the back where Huckerby proved to be more trouble than Ronaldo had

nonchalantly beat Desailly and Poyet to head in Noel Whelan's free-kick.

Chelsea responded with a Poyet header from Wise's freekick but could not beat Hedman again. To chants of "Eng-gerland, Eng-ger-land" Coventry

A victory for England? Not quite, significant roles were played by Scandinavian, Dutch and Scot while a pair of Belgians wait in the wings. In addition, Coventry's priorities seem askew when jobsworths order the club's apprentices, all dressed in smart suits and hoping to learn from the likes of Desailly, to watch the game on television in the bar downstairs as there was not a proper seat

least one vacant place as the police belief that the game's overweening hype will provoke a return to violence was given justification by some spectators.

comfortable juxtaposition between the alleged gentrification of the game and the tensions raised by its present intensity. When Poyet scored a five-yearold girl, seated with her father in an area reserved for home Leboeuf, in particular, tend to Chelsea shirt and waved a Chelsea flag almost as big as she. A Coventry fan nearby spewed forth a torrent of abuse and demanded the stewards

> With the intervention of his vailed though the terrified little girl kept the flag down from then on. Leaving aside and the near-certainty that Stamford Bridge would have been equally intolerant - the worrying aspect was the weakness of the stewards who were even more reluctant to intervene when the same Coventry fan later picked a fight with a fellow City supporter over the merits, or otherwise, of Whelan

hibited by City's players, is a tremendous asset. Uncontrolled it becomes something nastier. When a caller to Six-O-Six is demanding the sacking of Kenny Dalglish barely 100 minutes after Newcastle's opening game it underlines that the first victim of the season is per-

Next week Newcastle visit Chelsea. If either lose the season's first "crisis club" will be upon us. No wonder both are reported to have requested "further information" following an approach from the proposed European superleaguers. Coventry, 32 unbroken seasons in the top flight and counting.

in the top flight and counting, still await the call.
Goals: Huckerby (11) 1-0: Dublin (16) 2-0: Poyer (37) 2-1.
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Referee: G Barber (Woking).
Bookeat: Governers: Teller. Solvedt. Barnows. Huckerby. Chelsaa: Wise, Valli, Ferrer.
Man of the match: Dublin.
Automianos: 23.042.

The 22-year-old, who should make an England debut this season, drifted away from him after 11 minutes to chip Dublin's flick-on over Ed de Goey for the first. Then Dublin

There should have been at

One particular incident showed the sometimes un-

Controlled passion, as ex-



David Beckham's expertise at free-kicks proved to be a match-saving quality for Manchester United on Saturday

United still pining for Cantona

PHIL SHAW

O'Neill

Manchester United Leicester City

ALL afternoon he had fidgeted in front of the dug-out like a man with a mink inside his sweat-shirt. Now, like the match itself, his face was drawn by dint of David Beckham's stoppage-time equaliser. "You look exhausted," ventured one scribe. "You should see me in October," shot back Martin

Even the least manic of managers would have struggled to stay calm during a finale in which Leicester lost a goalkeeper, their defensive linchpin and eventually a two-goal lead but still emerged with a creditable draw from the home of the favourites. championship not have the energy to do either. rooted.

The defining characteristic of O'Neill's team, like the Northern Irishman himself, is perpetual motion. There were imes during the first half when they swarmed towards Peter Schmeichel, as if possessing extra men, in a manner that stunned all but one corner of Old Trafford into silence. In the end they ran out of steam, not to mention luck, though not before deepening the doubts surrounding United.

Alex Ferguson's need for new strikers is so pressing that he was prepared to test the rules concerning illegal approaches in the case of Dwight Yorke. Andy Cole's lack of involvement against Leicester highlighted why it must remain a priority, but while most of Saturday's shortcomings can be rectified by tactical fine-O'Neill seemed unsure whether tuning and sharper match-fitto laugh or cry, but perhaps did ness, one is more deeply

Eric Cantona's retirement 15 months ago robbed the United manager of a player to link midfield and the front; a catalyst with the craft to unlock the sort of 10-man barrier Leicester erected in the second half. For all that Teddy Sheringham seemed a logical replacement, he does not possess that je ne sais quoi which brought an element of the unpredictable to their attacks.

There were moments when it seemed the role was being assumed by Ryan Giggs, who perversely drifted into a congested centre when United were crying out for someone to get behind Leicester's wingbacks. Beckham, too, came infield without being able to replicate Cantona's creative authority. Until his face saving goal, his principal contribution was a stream of crosses from too far out to trouble Matt Elliott and company.

dustrious Muzzy Izzet. Tony Cottee made up for a string of misses by doubling the lead, before Sheringham's riposte ensured that the closing minutes would take the form of a siege. Frank Sinclair was enjoying a debut to confound

the contest did Giggs push into

the wide position which best

suits his talents and his team,

although by then United looked

a lost cause. Emile Heskey,

surprisingly more mobile and

confident than Cole, had poked

Leicester ahead after being

set up by the relentlessly in-

those who regarded him as Chelsea's weak link (in stark contrast, it transpired, with Marcel Desailly's introduction). but Leicester were already coping without the injured Kasey Keller and suddenly had Elliott helped off, too.

Finally, deep in stoppage time, a trademark Beckham

Only in the final quarter of free-kick answered those in the away pen who had booed him boorishly. O'Neill spoke of "a very sombre dressing-room", while his opposite number, getting soft in his old age, admitted it was "debatable" whether United deserved a point.

Ferguson's concern that they were a couple of games behind in their preparation gives an unexpected edge to tomorrow's sell-out testimonial match for the survivors of the Munich air disaster between United and Eric Cantona's European XI. The Frenchman, incidentally, has declared his intention to

play the full 90 minutes. Too

much time has passed for him to be tempted back, yet his experience in dealing with the aftermath of his "kung-fu" assault on a lavatory-mouthed spectator at Selhurst Park might be of help to Beckham as

he prepares to face the self-

righteous wrath of West Ham's crowd next weekend.

Beckham's virtuosity, allied to poor positioning by Leners ter's substitute keeper. Feg. guy Arphexad, were still putting O'Neill's emotions through the wringer long after his nerves had been squeezed into submission. My youth coach told me he'd got these two great 15-year-olds," he said. apparently apropos of nothing. "I told him I don't want to know, because by the time they're 18 I'll be dead."

Goals, Heskey (7) 0-1, Cottee (76) 0-2 Sheringham (79) 1-2; Beckham (90) 2-2 Sheringham (19) 1-2 Becknum (20) 2-3 Manchester United (4-4-2) Samer Izel G Neville (Sheringham, 76), Stam (Boly h-t), Johnson, Irwan; Becknum, Bud-Keine, Giggs; Cole, Scholes Substitutes not used, May, P Neville, Cullan (gs.) not used: May, r Vester (Arpheus, 60); Sinclar, Elliott (Taggirt, 38), Walsh Savage, Taggoraks, Lennor Itzet Guppy Hesker, Cottee (Wison, 84) Substitutes not used: Kamirk, Parker Referee N Barry (Scunthorpe)

Bookings: United, Sherngham Lewisk ter Lennon, Gunny Attendance 55,052

Perez class provides optimism

DAVE HADFIELD

Blackburn Rovers Derby County

BLACKBURN SUPPORTERS looking hopefully among their summer signings for a new Alan Shearer or Colin Hendry might have seen instead an improved, younger version of Tim Sherwood. The arrival of the new strik-

er Kevin Davies - a £7.25m record signing from Southampton, at that - was bound to stir some echoes; likewise the Hendryesque spectacle of Darren Peacock battling through despite injury. But the buzz around Ewood

was over the performance of the third debutant. Sebastien Perez, signed from Bastia for a more modest £3m. Nominally playing wide on

the right, Perez, until he tired in the last quarter, was everywhere on the pitch, prompting, probing and assuming responsibility that has traditionally resided with Rovers' captain.

The clear implication was that central midfield might be his ultimate destination. Sherwood, a sometimes underrated influence during the Shearer-Hendry years, will only be 30 at the end of this season, but Perez gives

Rovers another driving force. "There were a lot of tired players in the last 15 minutes, but he showed enough to suggest that he is going to be a very good asset for the club," said Roy Hodgson of the Premiership's latest long-haired Frenchman.

The same was true, with reservations, of Davies. He showed his capacity for hard work and his excellent first touch, but, having missed so much of the latter part of last season with ankle and knee injuries, was well short of match sharpness. Comparisons with Shearer will have to wait.

As for Peacock, his recovery to play after struggling with a knee injury all week signalled his determination to revive his career at Ewood. But the combination of the injury and settling into a new side made him an un-



Peacock: Rough edges

stable element in the middle of the back four and Derby's best chances stemmed, directly or in-

directly, from his rough edges. Not that it was a match that particularly deserved a goal. Both attacks began in lively enough mode, but ran out of impetus as the game went on. Then enabled Stéphane Henchoz and Derby's new Argentinan, Horacio Carbonari, to get a grip in the two penalty areas.

But Derby had done enough to suggest that they are going to be dogged in defence and dan-O DE GOGGEG IN GETENCE AND GANgerOUS ON the break this season.
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Gazza must start playing the game

BY CLIVE WHITE

Middlesbrough Leeds United

THE talk all week had been about how Glenn Hoddle had betrayed the trust of his England players, principally one Paul Gascoigne. But whose trust was Gazza betraying when he was out wining and dining at a restaurant just two days before the start of the season?

The fact that it was OK with Bryan Robson - "he assured me he only had two glasses of red wine so as far as I'm concerned that's not a problem, that's a nice, sensible night out" - does not make it right. There is also the small matter of the trust of 35,000 season ticket holders who, it seems, are ready to bend over backwards to give Gascoigne all the support he needs.

One despairs of ever seeing a perfectly fit Gazza take the field again. For how many more months and years do we have to listen to managers telling us that he just needs "a few games to get 100 per cent". In the circumstances, I suppose, it was a surprise to see him playing at all, but like any great champi-

on who is past his best it is as he did on Saturday when sometimes better not to see them at all

Part of the problem could be that Gazza knows he can get by even in a Premiership game, with only 70 per cent fitness, as he did here. And also that he has a manager who is sympathetic to his problem to an absurd degree. ("It was only Thursday night," said Robson, Only. No wonder our lack of professionalism is frowned upon abroad). Hoddle tried the kid-glove approach with Gazza and where did it get him? Let down - betrayed even - by the player's lack of fitness on the

eve of the World Cup. One would hope that the death of his close friend. David Cheek, at 43, apparently from a heart attack, shortly after his recent night out, will have a sobering effect on the player

Gascoigne still possesses the ability to make a telling pass and occasionally manoeuvre himself into useful shooting positions – as he did in the 83rd minute when producing the only meaningful shot of the afternoon - but he can no longer get away from opponents. And when he cannot, he allows an errant elbow to come into play,

striking Ian Bowyer, for which he was booked.

Robson is putting much store by the potential of his partnership with Paul Merson and certainly the latter does not look as though he will be letting Middlesbrough down this season. Most of Boro's best moves emanated from the former Arsenal player. The only trouble was, he was supposed to be there to finish them, but then Merson is essentially an attacking midfielder. Leeds were similarly found . wanting in attack and sorely missed the suspended Jimmy Hasselbaink, never mind the departed Rod Wallace.

It was difficult to judge Boro when so seriously weakened by injury and suspension. At least they had the good sense not to seek a postponement. If only Gazza could learn from his

Gazza could learn from his mistakes, too.
Middlesbrough (4-5-11. Schwarzer, Stockdale, Fleming, Gordon, Harrison; Stamp. Mustone (Maddison, h-t). Gascolgne, Ioansend, Moore (Beck, 73); Merson, Substitutes not used: Kinder, Skard, Beresford (gkl.)
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Booked, Middlesbrough: Gascolgne, Leeds: Bowyer, Molenaur
Man of the march, Merson,
Attendance: 34,160.

Boos and booze all round as Newcastle disappoint

BY SIMON TURNBULL

Newcastle United

Chariton Athletic IT WAS only a matter time before questions were going to be asked about the supposedly new Newcastle. They were duly delivered after 90 minutes of the same old stultifying stuff at St

James' Park on Saturday. When one reporter enquired 'how disappointed" Kenny Dalglish happened to be after watching his team fail to break

was merely posing the kind of question the disgruntled foot- match. soldiers of the Toon Army would have liked to pose to the Newcastle manager as they left their boos ringing round the ground and headed for the nearest boozer

When it comes to facing the press Daiglish has the unhappy knack of treating even the most innocent of queries as a come away with the three verbal dagger to his very heart. When he asked his inquisitor to

the inscrutable one met his son like that we'll all be happy."

"I'm not having that," the affronted journalist retorted and counter-attack which left a obliged to answer his original question - up to a characteris-

tically obtuse point, that is. "We're disappointed not to points," he said, "but we're level on points with Manches-

On Saturday's showing, Newcastle will be struggling to finish level with Charlton, They followed up with a frank may have looked the part in preseason, but in the heat of Preslightly chastened Dalglish miership battle, against the debutants from London SE7, they looked like the same team that fell apart after beating

Barcelona last season. Though Alan Shearer had a sixth-minute shot cleared off the Charlton line by Danny

down a Charlton team reduced "spit out your dummy and re-ter United and we're one ahead Mills, Dalglish's team never John Barnes, a half-time sub-to-10 men for 85 minutes. he ohrase the question." however, of Chelsea. If we finish the sea-seriously threatened to find a stitute, pulled a hamstring plot, let alone lose one. They had difficulty enough finding each other.

> When Alessandro Pistone passed to Dermot Gallagher midway through the first half the referee changed his striped too. Not that it made any difference. Even when there was one red shirt less, after Richard Rufus was dismissed for landing a forearm smash on the face

crossing the half-way line (someone suggested it must have been a nosebleed instead). And the mere amouncement of Warren Barton as Barnes' replacement was met with an

echo of boos. It was that sort of afternoon for Newcastle, one from which they would have ill deserved the three points Pistone's 88ndminute drive would have given of Nikolaos Dabizas, Newcastle them had Sasa Ilic not leapt to failed to find any cohesion. Charlton's rescue. That would

have been an injustice to Ilic Curbishley's team tackle their and his colleagues, who almost snatched the victory themselves when Steve Jones forced a reflex save from Shay Given with five minutes remaining.

"We're gonna win the League," the Addicks addicts chanted, though Alan Curbishley was happy enough with the winning of a Premiership point. "If we'd had 11 men on the pitch all game and got a point I would have been delighted," the Charlton manager said. It will be at The Valley that

Ine Season. Autumn, that is, themeastle United (4.4-2) Giren, Watson, Charles, Peane, Pistone Lie, Oukurs, (Earner, 45, Barton, 68), Harmann, Speed, Andersoon, (feesbaa, 65), Sheirer Substantes net used: Albert, Perez (gk).

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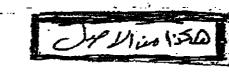
For Newcastle, though, the

questions remain. The biggest

is whether Dalglish will still be

answering them at the end of

the season. Autumn, that is



New chapter opens in Hoddle saga

WHEN THE mix of old hands and aspiring hopefuls arrived at Bisham Abbey last night some joked that they were there for a casting session for Glenn Hoddle's next pot-boiler rather than to prepare for the European Championship qualifying cam-

Humour is the English footballer's automatic response to Drewer most tricky situations but, under-neath the mickey-taking, there

The latter is, in many respects, the most damaging. Hoddle's faith most tricky situations but, underwas an undercurrent of anger at the leafy Elizabethan retreat.

Many senior players, some already unsure about Hoddle's tactical judgement, are privately fuming at the timing and nature

of the revelations in his serialised ers to see her. Now comes the as World Cup diary.

While Hoddle has not, in truth, revealed much that was not either known or suspected, the issue has raised serious doubts as to his position. The affair illustrates several of his biggest faults: his pettiness, his greed, his arrogance

was a private matter which should have been - and largely was - respected while it remained private. He has made it a public issue by his constant reference to her "healing" and by his "encouraging" his play-

sertion that his *only* World Cup mistake was not taking her to France from the start. This, he writes, would have improved the team by

She must take a great penalty. More seriously, this graphically illustrates Hoddle's apparent inand his obsession with Elleen ability to recognise that he, like every other manager, makes mistakes. He also asserts that Michael Owen recovered from a blow to the head in the pre-finals match with Morocco after Hoddle put his hand on Owen and said a prayer. What a pity he could not heal the injuries to Ian Wright and Andy Hinchcliffe



GLENN MOORE

It is this sort of comment, and his betrayal of some players though Paul Gascoigne, David Beckham, Alex Ferguson and

Chris Sutton had all previously ex- but only if Hoddle starts to temper but he ought to be put on probation pressed their opinions through the media - that could lead to his losing the respect and trust of the team. Ordinarily when that happens results suffer but, given the qualifying opposition (Sweden, Bulgaria, Poland, Luxembourg), and English players' commitment to the national team regardless of management, that should not be a problem until the finals at least.

Hoddle looks like he will remain in place until then and beyond. The Football Association's extraordinary response to the furore will be to offer Hoddle an extension of his contract to 2002.

There is sense in continuity

his certainty with humility. There alisation that Hoddle and David Davies, his co-author and the FA director of public affairs, were keeping the juicy bits back for the book during a series of press conferences which were characterised by evasion and denial.

Flogging the serialisation to The Sun for £250,000 and then complaining about their headlines is a bit rich. That act alone proves the motivation is financial, not a case of putting the record right, and he has plenty of journalists willing to hear his views for nothing.

A resigning matter? Not quite

rather than offered a new contract. is something very shabby in the re- It is not as if the team's performances have made him impregnable. However gallant a failure the World Cup campaign, which finished on a par with Paraguay, Norway and Mexico, was still a failure not least because of Hoddle's team selection against Romania.

At the least Hoddle should apologise for his misjudgement. Davies could write that as well, as he did Beckham's and Teddy Sheringham's when they were called to account. But that will not happen unless someone is prepared to pay handsomely for it. Besides, it would be a good introduction to the paperback.

Premiership kick-off: Wimbledon still stubbornly refuse to accept the inevitable after 13 years in the top flight

Kinnear happily defying all logic

THIRTEEN years now and Wimbledon are off and running again. Poorly supported, no home to call their own, not a penny spent on strengthening the team but still confident of surviving in the Premiership. "Hands up anyone who didn't tip us to go down," said their ebullient manager. Joe Kinnear.

Kinnear has heard it all before, the doom-laden forecasts, misrepresentation of Wimbledon's method, carping respect for their unquenchable

No team fancies the trip but trepidation is a cliche that Wimbledon turn to their adantage. No mere aerial bomardment but ability to get the ball down and move it around productively. "We aren't given credit for that but I'm past complaining," Kinnear added. "In any case it works for us because in worrying about our reputation teams ignore that we have talented players."

Wimbledon's 3-1 defeat of Tottenham on Saturday emphasised again the power of anxiety. Shaping up to deal with directness, Tottenham found themselves frequently out-passed and second best in cohesion.

In the corresponding fixture towards the end of last season Wimbledon went from a 2-1 lead to a 6-2 defeat, undone by David Ginola's wiles and Jurgen Klinsmann's clinical finishing. "There was a reason for that," Kinnear said. "We lost a player, then our concentration and the roof came in."

Wimbledon -- trained up by he Olympic athletes Daley Thompson, Kris Akabussi and Derek Redmond - gave Christian Gross's team more than it could handle. This time the roof came in on his goalkeeper Ian Walker, forewarned after only three minutes when Robbie Earle went close with a header from Neil Ardiey's

With freedom from the injuries that kept them out of many matches last season Earle and Efan Ekoku may well prove kinnear's belief that



JONES on Monday

Wimbledon's strike rate will

When Kinnear was not watching the World Cup finals he spent a lot of time scouting abroad for players. "Of course. I saw some who are better than we have but not within our price range," he said. Closer to home, Kinnear tried for Mark Hughes before the Welsh international moved from Chelsea to Southampton. "Hughes is still a terrific player," Kinnear added, "buit 20

grand a week! No way." Kinnear has £3m to spend but it is not burning a hole in his pocket. "I've looked all over the place, been to half a dozen countries but haven't seen anyone we could afford who would

improve the team," he added. How much would Kinnear

don's increasing tiredness with Wimbledon's lead with a low Ferdinand and Chris Armethike will take some justifying.



show a big improvement.

A hint of it came three minutes after half-time when Alan Kimble touched a free-kick to Michael Hughes who sent in an angled cross from which Earle outjumped Walker to put Wimbledon ahead. Nothing fancy, but effective and more to

have to pay for a more potent attacker than Ekoku? Served by Hughes who was a shrewd purchase last season and a great deal more effective on Saturday than the fitful Ginola, he put Wimbledon further ahead after an hour, rising majestically to beat Walker with a

thumping header. At last Tottenham woke up, taking advantage of Wimble-



Christian Gross found the anxiety of last season soon returned during Saturday's depressing defeat Allsport

card for diving) becoming more of a threat when released from the left flank.

Exploiting the space that began to appear on the right side of Wimbledon's defence. Stephen Carr launched a move that enabled Ruel Fox to cut

against the crossbar Wimbledon sent on fresh legs, but relief came with Ekoku's second goal in the 90th minute.

A poor start by Tottenham, last season's flaws still evident, very little coming from Les

Hammers put on Wright track

Ginola (who received a yellow shot. When Ginola then cut be-card for diving) becoming more tween two defenders to fire team has to think about working harder," Gross said. "Wimbledon are difficult enough to play against without giving them presents."

Effort is essential but unless Tottenham can show a big improvement a recent season tick-

Goals: Earle (48) 1-0; Ekoku (59) 2-0; Fox (74) 2-1; Ekoku (90) 3-1

BY PHIL ANDREWS

Sheffield Wednesday West HamUnited

AT THE end of a World Cup summer, West Ham fans are probably even more acutely aware than the rest of us that it is a long time since the glory days of Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst.

As a new campaign gets underway, the burden of reinflating the bubbles of success at Upton Park rests on the shoulders of the man they loved to hate when he wore the shirt of their neighbours Arsenai - Ian

The Hammers manager, Harry Redknapp, has brought in the 34-year-old England

striker to add motivation, enthusiasm and scoring power to a young, skilful side which might have scraped into Europe last season had they possessed those qualities in greater abundance.

Wright delivered all three at Hillsborough, although he left the most important - goal-scoring – a trifle late. "lan's great in the dressingroom, full of life and energy. He

had his music going before the match, and it was a different atmosphere from last year when we were a young side full of quiet lads," Redknapp said. Out on the pitch, Wright's enthusiasm almost got the better of him when he became in-

volved in a vigorous finger wag-

Wednesday defender Emerson knapp, who also praised an-Thome after the latter's boot had made contact with Trevor Sinclair's head.

Otherwise, his first full match in claret had been decidedly sober. His chief contribution was to loft a couple of opportunities over the crossbar until his striking partner Sinclair set him free with only the goalkeeper to beat in the 84th minute.

As the Wednesday defenders appealed for offside, Wright calmly slotted the ball past Kevin Pressman and the travelling Hammers fans were delighted to take back everything they had ever said about him. "He's a fantastic goal-scor-

other new signing, Neil Ruddock, for the way he defended during the late Wednesday flurry Wright's goal incited.

Danny Wilson's new charges would have been out of contention well before that but for the agility of Pressman, who denied West Ham's two most impressive players, Frank Lampard and Eyal Berkovic, before crowning an inspired aftermoon with a fingertip save from Ian Pearce.

Pressman's future at Hillsborough has been the subject of some pre-season speculation, but after this performance his manager had only praise for

"He was great. He wants to er. Give him half a chance and ging altercation with the he sticks it away," said Red- prove everyone wrong, and if he

goes on playing like this, he could yet get into the England side," said Wilson.

There was precious little else to praise about Wednes-

day's performance. The Italians Benito Carbone and Paulo Di Canio were sporadically inventive and Petter Rudi worked hard in midfield, but on this showing Wilson has a big job ahead of him if Wednesday are to do more than stave off relegation again this season.

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Man of the march: Lampard.

New boys are full of promise

BY JON CULLEY

Aston Villa

IT IS said that football fans are fickle but they can be enormously forgiving, too. Three months ago Everton teetered again on the edge of relegation yet on Saturday stepped out to a welcome fit for champions. What short memories their supporters have.

Then again, maybe it is a kind of insurance, this enthusiasm for a new season. After last year things can only get better, surely? On second thoughts, better to raise the roof early, before there is time for things to go wrong.

And so the greater part of a 41,000 Goodison Park full house achieved a deafening decibel from the tunnel as though the Slaven Bilic returns from injury. trials of Howard Kendall's final days had never happened. They did, of course, which is

why Walter Smith, formerly of Rangers, has come south to lead them from the wilderness where Kendall, Joe Royle and Mike Walker failed. Six times in the bottom half of the table in the last seven years measures the depth of wilderness from to be sustained. The loss of which Smith must hack an escape route.

Can the man who won 12 trophies in six years in Glasgow now restore Evertonian pride? On this evidence it is too early millstone around John Gregoto say. The new players unveiled may well represent less than half the rebuilding programme Smith has in mind. Certainly, he did not tempt John Collins, Olivier Dacourt Mark Draper. and Marco Materazzi to Everton (5-3-2) Myrho Tiler, Materazzi, Ball: Barmo Merseyside by suggesting they would play in the team that nearly went down.

The need for more quality is clear, especially up front where Duncan Ferguson and John Spencer will not cause many defenders sleepless nights.

True, they created the best chance of the afternoon when Spencer won a ninth-minute penalty; but otherwise a Villa defence, lacking both the suspended Ugo Ehiogu and the departed Steve Staunton, was unbreached save for a couple of Bosnich came to their rescue. Gareth Barry, the 17-year-old who replaced Ebiogu, can feel justly proud.

Collins missed the penalty, spoiling an afternoon in which he promised much, suggesting he can be the creative midfielder Everton have lacked. Dacourt, alongside him, tackles strongly and passes with precision in the manner of Patrick Vieira. Together they look a mouthwatering combination. Materazzi, Smith's third buy,

> Smith argued afterwards that the penalty miss was the key moment, dissuading Villa from spending much time in pursuit of a better result.

It is difficult to place Villa in

complements a defence that

the pecking order this season. even though their run of 11 wins in 14 matches last spring would be championship form were it Staunton leaves a large hole to be filled, Dwight Yorke has shown his hand by declining a new contract and Stan Collymore threatens to become a ry's neck, Alan Thompson, recruited from Bolton, had some decent moments on his debut but it seemed wasteful to include him at the expense of

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Cricket: Rejuvenated Hick leads the way as world one-day champions are brushed aside by greater tactical astuteness

Confident England are still on a high

BY DEREK PRINGLE at Lord's

England 247; Sri Lanka 211 England win by 36 runs

LORD'S WAS introduced to modern cricket yesterday with an impressive England victory over the World Cup holders, Sri Lanka, Needing to score 248, Sri Lanka were bowled out in the final over for 211. The winning margin of 36 runs means that of qualifying for the final.

Apart from the novelty factor spectacle and both teams underperformed to different degree on a slow but true pitch. Pramodya Wickremasinghe

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downgrade any England victory - they claim they need the winning habit - this was not a match they would have learned a great deal from as regards their World Cup plans, except that Sri Lanka's batting plan falls apart if they do not get

Aside from a decent enough performance from Ian Austin on his debut, and a chancey half-century from Alec Stewart, South Africa will have to beat that saw the England captain England heavily at Edgbaston dropped three times, it was a tomorrow, to have any chance performance that revolved around the comeback kids of whom Graeme Hick, having of coloured clothing, this was a not been involved in the Texa-

scrappy match rather than a co matches earlier in the summer, contributed the most. Coming to the crease after

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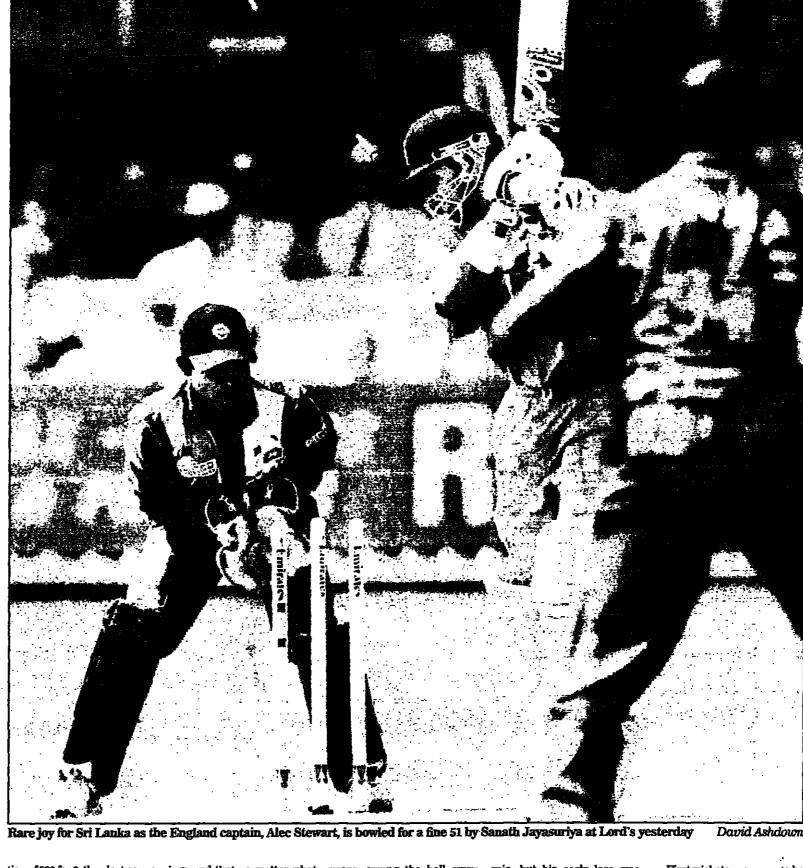
While it would be churlish to had removed both Alistair Brown and Nick Knight, Hick batted with prowess and power. England added 168 runs, the bulk coming in two partnerships, one worth 76 runs with his captain, the other, contributing 91 runs, with Nasser away to their customary flyer. Hussain. And yet there is the feeling that any success Hick has outside of the Test arena proves nothing, other than

there are two Graeme Hicks. The schizophrenia, long suspected, has been glaringly apparent over the past three weeks. First, there has been the Hick of the last two Tests against South Africa: paralysed into uncertainty by the tenseness of the situation and the potency of the bowling. Then there was the one at Lord's yesterday who looked fluent and unencumbered enough to lift Kumara Dharmasena effortlessly into the top tier of the Grand Stand as if he were waving away a fly.

Hick whose innings duly won the man of the match internationals and has two hundreds, one against India and the Netherlands, though he might have added to the tally yesterday had he not been run out attempting an optimistic single.

Even so, you cannot escape the fact that Hick tends to do better against weaker sides. Sri Lanka may be a daunting prospect with the bat but, the (G-211 (MursBitheran). Bowling: Googh 10-0-51-3 (no5, w2) (5-0-22-2 3-0-9-0 2-0-20-1). Marcin 8-0-34-1 (nb2,m6) (6-0-28-1 2-0-5-0). Mullal-ly 8-1-20-2 (one spell). Assetin 8-3-0-37-2 (nb4,w1) (7-0-31-1 1-3-0-6-1). Creft 10-0-37-1, Hotiloake 5-0-18-7 (w1) (one pacey Suresh Perera excepted, they are hardly intimidating. If this troubled talent is to find fulfilment, it will surely now have spell each).
Progress: So: 54 mln, 70 balls, 100; 110
mln, 148 balls, 150; 158 min, 229 balls, 200;
200 mln, 300 balls
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Man of the match; G.A. Hick
Adjudicator: R.G.D Willis to come from the shorter game.

Put in by Sri Lanka, England's eventual total was at least 30 runs light. Like their batting in the Tests, the lower half of the order failed to contribute much and from a posi-



tion of 223 for 3, they lost seven wickets for 24 runs in 35 balls. Coupled with the 30 extras conceded, there is still scope from something between major surgery and fine tuning to be performed.

However, if picking specialists in place of bits and pieces all-rounders contributed to a droopy tail, having three frontline pace bowlers certainly paid off. You get the impression with Sri Lanka that their bowling is almost incidental to proceed-

total the opposition get, their batsmen fancy their chances. Finding themselves 49 for 4 in the 11th over, though, was perhans too much of a shock and they never recovered.

Citing the the extra swing of the white ball as a key reason for picking the likes of Peter Martin and Alan Mulially, who throttled the middle order with his accuracy the selectors perspicacity was rewarded. Martin, in his first one-dayer for two

ings and that no matter what years, swung the ball away spin, but his early loss was from the right-handers. One such ball, in the second over accounted for Romesh Kaluwitharana, who edged behind after sion that was neither the best being drawn into a leg-side

Meanwhile, Gough, fairly hurtling in from the Pavilion End, removed the danger man Sanath Jayasuriya for 11 with a beauty that bounced and left the batsman down the slope. Earlier Jayasuriya had taken 3 for 36 with his slippery left-arm

when he was fit to."

Southampton goal.

It was a justifiable point, but

the end result was a fair enough

representation of the match.

Liverpool had attacked from the

start, with Ince attempting a 20-

yard shot in the first 30 seconds,

an effort that was pushed past

the post by Paul Jones in the

Three minutes later, after a

significant and two overs later Gough added Marvan Atapattu to his tally with an lbw decinor the worst of the summer

At that stage, with their heavy artillery nullified, Sri Lanka needed a major innings from Aravinda de Silva. A compact player, De Silva thumped several short-arm pulls and cuts to the boundary before the introduction of Austin gave them the wicket they wanted.

Owen provides notice of

quibbled over, though De Silva. leg before to one that nipped back sharply, may beg to differ. Austin has been a stalwart for Lancashire over the past decade and his call-up for the injured Mark Ealham was deservedly popular. Having removed Sri Lanka's match winner be had the pleasure of adding to his tally by taking the last wicket as well. His next target - the World Cup.

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Liverpool's ambitions You can't blame the referee for FOOTBALL implementing it, but I don't understand why the lad By NICK HARRIS couldn't come back on the pitch

Southampton Liverpool

MICHAEL OWEN signalled his intentions for the new season by scoring the winning goal for Liverpool yesterday in his first post-World Cup Premiership match. In a game where the visitors failed to impress for consistent periods - but still managed to have an edge over a much-changed Southampton line-up - it was Owen's contributions that ultimately made the difference as Liverpool

came from behind to win 2-1. The strike which sealed the contest came in the 72nd minute, but was not without controversy, being scored after the Southampton defender Jason Dodd had not been allowed back on to the pitch after receiving treatment.

A throw-in by Steve Staunton was headed on by Paul Ince and Owen, unmarked in the box - partly due to Dodd's absence - made no mistake in putting it in the net. The Southampton manager, Dave Jones, said afterwards: "I

don't understand the ruling.

not powerful, but it still required the deft reflexes of Jones to put it wide. Southampton were forced to substitute John Beresford a few minutes later following a chal-

> the early Liverpool pressure to take the lead in the 36th minute. Carlton Palmer fed the ball to Ripley on the right, whose cross was met in the box by Egil Ostenstad, who headed home. The advantage was short-lived. however, as within two minutes

Owen had fed a similar cross on

at the other end and the German equalised. In this fixture last season,

which finished 1-1, Reidle also scored for Liverpool - and coincidentally also with a headed goal from a cross in the same minute of the first half - and Southampton then equalised with a goal from Kevin Davies - now gone to Blackburn - to take a share of the points. Late in the first half yesterday, Southampton nearly took the lead when what looked like a

typical run from Steve Mc-Manaman - ostensibly perspeculative cross from Dodd forming a playmaker's role in had to be tipped over the bar. the centre, but favouring the left The resulting corner fell to side for most of his forays - the Ripley outside the box, but his ball fell to Owen. His shot was powerful effort flew over the bar. Owen threatened early in the second half when a deft

turn and pass from Riedle left the young striker with the ball at his feet and heading for goal. His fluidity gave him the chance to lenge by Veggard Heggern, but put Liverpool ahead, but Jones the home side recovered from managed to foil his shot, holding the ball after a full-stretch dive.

Southampton countered. again through the work of Ripley, who was set free down the right wing and should have carried on to take a chance. Whether through misplaced selflessness - or more likely the pathological fear of shooting

to the head of Karlbeinz Reidle which often dogged him at Blackburn - he did not try a shot. Instead, by the time Osten-

stad was ready to receive the cross, he was surrounded by Liverpool defenders and the move was wasted. Owen's goal followed not long after and there was little Southampton could do to steal a draw, even with the late introduction of Matt Le Tissier, who may find himself a bench player more

often than not this season. The Liverpool co-manager, Roy Evans, who said after the match that long-term injury victim Robbie Fowler was close to resuming light training again. was full of praise for Owen.

"He's always going to get chances to score but it's about the team, be'll tell you that himself," he said, "He's an exceptional young lad and the first goel was down to him and other players getting the ball forward."

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Goals: Ostenstad 1-0 (36); Riedle 1-1
(38); Owen 1-2 (72);

Southampton (4-4-2); Lones: Dodd. Hiley, Lundekvam, Beresfard (Bridge, 7); Ripley (Beattle, 76); Palmer, Drydon, Oakley;
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Referee: P Alcock (Kent). Man of the match: Owen Assendance: 15,202.

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